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# Historical Society

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## Honors Juliet Peddle

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Presented with a plaque, Miss Peddle and more than 50 members of the Society attended the birthday banquet of the Society. Ralph J. Courtney, Society president, served as master of ceremonies, introducing officers and board members, and the evening's program chairman, Dr. Richard Gemmecke.

A resume of the 50 years of the Society's service to the community was given by Dr. Donald B. Scheick, of the history department, Indiana State University, and an active member of the organization for several years.

Among those instrumental in founding the Historical Society were the Herbert Briggs family, Judge Kean and A.R. Markle. The Society met in the city library until 1958, when the Historical Museum was opened at 1411 S. 6th St.

In presenting the plaque to Miss Peddle, Wayne Miller stated, "For one-half the life of the Historical Society, Juliet Peddle has served as editor of the Society's official bulletin, 'Leaves of Thyme'. This really means, to a great degree, writing the articles, and making certain it's ready to be mailed on

time. She has served both the Society and the community 25 years, with devotion and dedication. This recognition is most fitting on this 50th anniversary observance."

Miss Peddle is an architect, and has been a member of the Society for a "few years" longer than her years of service as editor. She was also presented a corsage.

The society operates two museums, the Vigo County Historical Museum and the Paul Dresser Birthplace, First and Farrington Streets in Fairbanks Park.

A research library at the Historical Museum houses a collection of thousands of reference books on city, state and national history, photographs and large geneological library.

The museum also has on display furnishings, wearing apparel and publications with more than 150 years of county history.

A county store is set up in one room, equipped as such stores were a century ago.

Membership in the society is open to all interested in the past and present of Vigo County.

# Tribute paid to late Miss Juliet Peddle

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By RICHARD C. TUTTLE  
Assistant Editor, The Star

Tribute was paid to the memory of the late Miss Juliet Peddle at the meeting of the Wabash Valley Historical Society at Hulman Student Union on the Rose-Hulman Institute campus Saturday, by Dr. William B. Pickett, president of the Society. Miss Peddle died Sept. 7.

Miss Peddle had been very active in the Society for many years.

"In Juliet Peddle we have a woman of many talents, both professional and social," Dr. Pickett commented. "She was widely recognized for her architectural work in residences, remodeling old structures, and her widespread community and civic endeavors. She was sincere and of the highest integrity."

He outlined Miss Peddle's background, including a B.S. degree in architecture from the University of Michigan; and continued art studies in Europe, Berkshire, Mass. and the Chicago Art Institute. She worked for architectural firms in Chicago, continued studies in Europe, and came to Terre Haute to work with the Miller & Yeager architectural firm.

In 1927, she was instrumental in arranging an exhibit of Women in Architecture for the first Women's Worlds Fair. She held a position with the Historical American Buildings Survey, and worked for then Commercial Solvents Corporation (now IMC) 1943-48.

Among the outstanding design work in Terre Haute completed by Miss Peddle are the Medcenter Building, 3050 Poplar St., featured in a national architectural magazine; the animal building at IMC, noted for its functional design; Social Security Building at Meadows Center; and Crawford School.

Remodeling and renovation projects include remodeling the old gym and library to make an auditorium; remodeling of the old student center to make the Templeton Administration Building; and early remodeling of Old Main, now Moench Hall. Included in her residence designs here the Alex Cavins home in Allendale, and the Blumberg home at Hulman and Fruitridge Avenues.

As members of the Historical Society, you members were familiar with "Leaves of Thyme" which Juliet Peddle edited for 29 years," Dr. Pickett continued. "She edited, mailed, corrected address labels, traced returned issues...she was the publication."

A book contained 66 sketches and articles of old houses and buildings in Vigo County is in the Museum library, and was published over a year's period by the Sunday Tribune-Star in 1941 and 1942.

Miss Peddle was active in many organizations, according to Dr. Pickett. Among them were Altrusa Club, Delta Kappa Gamma sorority, Women's Department Club, Daughters of the American Revolution and Indiana Society of Architects. She was one



Miss Juliet Peddle

of very few women licensed to practice architecture in two states, Indiana and Illinois.

"She was a friend of many and known to hundreds. She was a warm person, dependable, generous, pleasant with a sense of humor, and no task was too small for her undivided attention," Dr. Pickett closed the tribute. "To say

it will be difficult to get all the things done which she did is small tribute to such a person as Juliet Peddle. It was a real pleasure to have known her and to have worked with her. We owe her memory more than can ever be repaid except to be as dedicated and with firm belief in what we do."

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Peddle, Juliet

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## Altrusa book presentation honors late Juliet Peddle

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To honor the late Juliet Peddle, Terre Haute architect, members of the Community Service Committee of Altrusa Club have given a volume of particular appropriateness to the Vigo County Public Library. The book, "Great Moments in Architecture," by David Macaulay, was presented to the library last week in a special ceremony by Eva Hopp, committee chairman. It will be catalogued shortly and placed on the shelf for general circulation.

Despite a busy and fruitful professional career, Miss Peddle contributed countless hours of volunteer time to service projects in the community as a member of Altrusa. Through the years she held several offices in the organization.

A graduate of the University of Michigan's school of architecture in 1922, Miss Peddle was one of only two women architects in the State of Indiana when she returned to Terre Haute to open her own office in 1939. Except for a brief period during and after World War II, when she joined the firm of Miller, Vrydagh & Miller, she remained active as an independent architect in Terre Haute until her death Sept. 7, 1979.

Her skill and knowledge as an architect, and continued studies of art and architecture in Europe, in Berkshire, Mass., and at the Chicago Art Institute, are reflected today in several of Terre Haute's prominent buildings.

Among these are the Medi-Center, 3050 Poplar St., featured in a national architecture magazine; the animal building at IMC; the Social Security Building at Meadows Center;

Crawford School; several renovated and remodeled buildings at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology; the Alex Cavins' home in Allendale, and the Blumberg home at Hulman and Fruitridge.

Miss Peddle's continuing interest in old houses and buildings in Terre Haute resulted in a sketch book published in 1941 and 1942 in the Sunday Tribune-Star and now on display in the Historical Museum's library. She had put together a unique collection of slides of former as well as present school buildings in Vigo County taken over a 30-year period.

In honoring her memory with a book on world architecture, Altrusa Community Service Committee recalled once more the breadth and depth of the mark made on her community by Juliet Peddle.

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***Altrusa honors former member with memorial book***

Eva Hopp, chairperson of the community service committee of Altrusa Club, presents a memorial volume to Vula Malooley, reference librarian at Vigo County Public Library, in memory of the late Juliet Peddle, local architect.

**Staff Photo/Williams**

Peddle, Juliet

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## Elderly housing named to honor Juliet Peddle

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An apartment complex nearing completion on the city's southeast side will be named in honor of the memory of a Terre Haute architect who maintained a dedicated involvement in civic affairs for many years.

The complex, to provide homes for elderly citizens at 1616 S. 25th St., will be named Juliet A. Peddle Park, according to an announcement by Kirby Smith, executive director of the Terre Haute Housing Authority.

A committee of five persons made the decision in recognition of Miss Peddle's interest and work in civic affairs and her many years of service to numerous community organizations.

The housing facility is being developed on the property of the late Vern McMillan by Bethesda Corp. through Section 202 of the housing program of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The three-story complex is to be ready for occupancy this summer.

Miss Peddle died in September. She had been associated with the Terre

Haute office of Miller Vrydagh and Miller and with the Chicago office of Edwin Clark. She later maintained her own offices downtown until 1974 when she relocated her firm to her home.

Buildings in the city designed by her include the Meadicenter on Poplar Street, the Social Security Office at Meadows Center and the Crawford School. She planned remodeling and renovation of the First Congregational Church and the stage and backstage areas of Community Theater.

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## Introduction

When in 1940 Juliet Peddle began to make her sketches of historic Terre Haute buildings, she was well-prepared for the task. Her own ancestry traced back to the very beginning of the city, and her family figured prominently in its development. Her maternal grandmother, who provided young Juliet with a fund of stories about the local scene, was the daughter of one of Terre Haute's earliest physicians, while her grandfather, Charles R. Peddle, was an associate of Chauncey Rose in the development and operation of Rose's railroad empire. Along with history, Juliet's family helped provide her with the necessary skills: Her mother was an amateur painter with some artistic training while her father was the Professor of Drawing at Rose Polytechnic Institute and something of an innovator in the art of photography.

Juliet Peddle determined to become an architect and in 1922 became the second woman to graduate from the University of Michigan School of Architecture. She soon found employment with an architectural firm in Chicago, where she also gave some special attention to perfecting her drawing skills. Despite her roots in Terre Haute, Peddle might well have remained in Chicago if she had not lost her job during the early years of the depression. After several temporary jobs, she found a more significant employment with the Historical American Buildings Survey(HABS), a government project which provided work to unemployed architects. During her months with HABS, she engaged in a systematic

study of historic structures in the old lead-mining town of Galena, Illinois, developing a well-informed and deep interest in preservation.

HABS, however, was only another stop-gap for Peddle, and in 1935 she returned permanently to Terre Haute with the aim of establishing a career in her home city. After working for a local architectural firm for several years, she opened her own office in 1939, initiating a one-women architectural business which--with one gap--she was to continue for more than thirty years. It was soon after taking this bold step that Peddle began to prepare her historic building sketches of pre-Civil War Terre Haute.

Peddle limited her work to those local buildings of the antebellum period which in her judgment had some architectural and historical significance. As many of these buildings had either disappeared or been significantly altered, she spent much time on research to determine what the structures had looked like in their original form. In general, she strove to recreate the past as it had actually been, but occasionally she faltered as in the case of her sketch of the Terre Haute and Richmond railroad station which, for reasons unknown, she presented in contemporary form. Between January 26, 1941 and April ? 1942, the Terre Haute Tribune-Star published a sketch and an accompanying essay every Sunday. The series was so well received that Peddle considered publishing it in book form, only soon to realize that the conditions of World War II defeated any plan for publication.

Peddle's involvement in what became a modestly successful architectural business led her away from the series, but she continued to take a strong interest both in history and historic preservation. As

a leading member of the Vigo County Historical Society after World War II, she initiated in 1949 a monthly periodical, Leaves of Thymes, which she was to edit and publish for more than 25 years. In the 1950s her interest in what she called "collecting old houses" was revived when in 1956 she began to work with the Indiana Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in a state-wide project to identify and photograph historically interesting houses.

And in the early 1960s, she began a second venture in graphic preservation equal to her sketches of twenty years before, although under different conditions and for different reasons. By 1960, Terre Haute had begun a program of "urban redevelopment" which was to destroy many of its historic structures over the next decade. Having learned from her earlier study how "progress" had obliterated much of pre-Civil War Terre Haute, Peddle determined to preserve the images of the past with her camera. Over the next decade, she took hundreds of photographic slides of old buildings, most of them doomed by the wrecker's ball. Along with many photographs which she took of new construction, these slides constitute an important record of change during a period of transformation in the character of Terre Haute. Now catalogued, they are in the possession of the Vigo County Historical Society.

Peddle continued her architectural career and historical interests well into her seventies, even after she had closed her business office in 1973. Active virtually to the end, she died in 1979, leaving behind a treasury of her creations--homes, historical essays, sketches, and photographs. The city of Terre Haute honored her by naming an especially handsome housing complex for senior citizens the Juliet A. Peddle Park.

# Looking back

## Peddle pencil drawings at Rose-Hulman exhibit

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By Frances Hughes  
Special to The Tribune-Star

When an exhibit of pencil drawings of local historical buildings opens this month at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, it will be a tribute to the late Juliet Peddle, outstanding local architect.

The exhibit of Peddle's drawings of early homes, commercial buildings, schools and churches of Vigo County from the collection of Shelton and Muriel Hannig will open Jan. 27 and be on display for a month.

It will be open to the public from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. each Monday through Friday on the second floor of Moench Hall on the Rose campus.

These drawings were purchased by the Hannings from the estate of Juliet Peddle, who died Sept. 7, 1979. They are all mounted alike and present an unusual recording of a part of the history of Vigo County. Some of the buildings date back to the early 1800s shortly after Terre Haute was settled. All were constructed before the Civil War.

Very few of the buildings are still standing.

It is appropriate that this collection be shown at Rose-Hulman for Miss Peddle's father, John Peddle, was professor of machine design at Rose Polytechnic Institute for many years. He also was acting president of the school from 1928 through 1930.

Also, Juliet Peddle was the architect for the remodeling of the old gymnasium and library of Rose to provide the auditorium in 1949, of the old student center into the present Templeton Administration Building in 1969 and of the early remodeling of Old Main, now Moench Hall.

Peddle was a very conscientious and methodical collector of factual material about the history of Terre Haute and Vigo County.

In the 67 drawings in the exhibit will be one of the original Vigo County Court House, built about 1818 on the site of the present Court House, and those of nine other commercial buildings and schools.

Built in 1857 and 1858 on the site of St. Anthony Hospital, which was recently torn down, was the Terre Haute Female College, later called Covert College, then Western Female College, then St.

Agnes School and later St. Anthony Hospital.

There is a drawing of the Sibleytown School or Old North School, built in 1851 at Third and Locust streets and named for the Sibley family, early settlers in Terre Haute.

A picture of the first Academy Building at St. Mary-of-the-Woods is also to be exhibited.

The pencil sketch of Buntin's Hotel shows one of the foremost hotels in the state when it was built about 1852 on the east side of South Third Street (then called Market Street) between Ohio and Walnut streets.

Other renderings of business buildings show the Weatherwax Tavern, Watton Inn, Terre Haute and Richmond Passenger and Freight Station, Judge Mack's Office and the first Terre Haute House.

It was soon after Terre Haute was settled that churches were started here. Represented in the drawings are these early churches: Asbury Chapel, Baptist Church, Christian Church, old Otter Creek Union Church, St. Joseph's Church, Universalist Church, Old German Methodist Church, Bethesda Church, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and early Parish Church of St. Mary-of-the-Woods.

Memorial Hall, the Preston House and Markle House, three of the oldest buildings in the county, are still standing, as are two other houses. The Ray Green Jenckes house, Sixth and Crawford streets, is still there, as is the John C. Ross house on Butternut Hill. Depicted in the drawing by Peddle is the original Ross house, built about 1835, which was occupied by three generations of the Blake family.

Farrington Grove was the site of the Farrington House, built in 1841 on what was then the farm of James Farrington, one of the early Terre Haute settlers. The house was called "Woodlawn."

There is a drawing of the house which Chauncey Rose built about 1854 and lived in during the later years of his life. It was on the site of the ISU University School (former Laboratory School).

The Dowling house, built by Thomas Dowling at North Sixth Street and First Avenue before 1854, later became the Rose Home for Aged Women.

Where David Park School now stands was the site of the Davis

house, where W.G. Davis and his large family lived. The Welsh family formed a musical group of singers that performed in this area.

On Ohio Street, where the AT&T Company office is located, was the home of Herman Hulman, grandfather of Tony Hulman. It was built about 1850. During WWI, the house was headquarters for the Red Cross and for two years after that was a clubhouse for the B&PW Club, which had a tea room there.

Another Hulman, Theodore, had a home at 824 South Sixth Street, where the Terre Haute Nursing Home is now. It was built in 1854.

One of the stations of the "underground railroad," used for smuggling slaves north, was the Malcolm Steele house, built in 1820 six miles south of the city. It was said to be the second brick house in Honey Creek Township and third one in Vigo County.

Where the Masonic Temple was built at 212 North Eighth Street was the location of the home of Daniel W. Voorhees, a prominent lawyer and politician. The house was built in 1859.

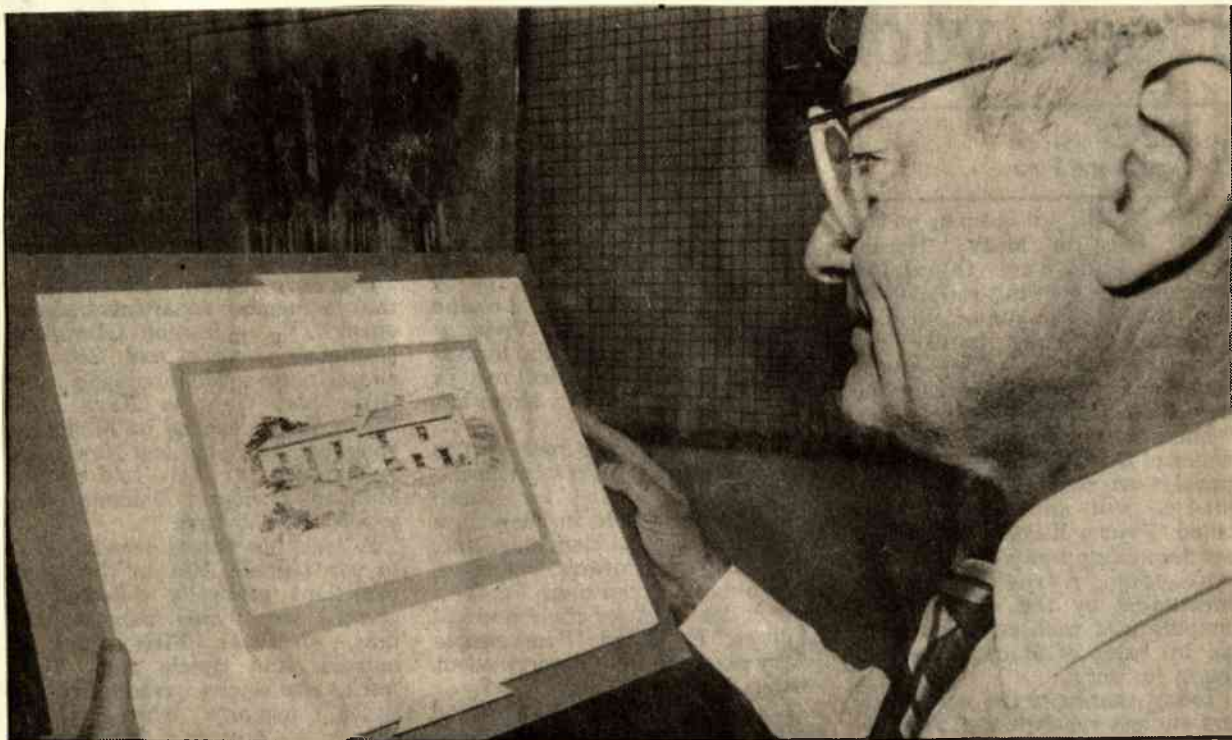
"Spring Hill," which later stood on a hill south of the city on South Twenty-fifth Street was the home of Col. Richard W. Thompson, at one time Secretary of the Navy. It was built between 1822 and 1825.

There are pictures of four Gilbert homes in the collection and other houses in the drawings include names of other early settlers.

Juliet Peddle was one of only two registered architects in the state of Indiana at one time. She was graduated from King Classical School in 1918, from the University of Michigan in 1922, studied art at the Art Institute of Chicago and at Berkshire, Maine, received her Illinois architectural registration license in 1926 and her Indiana license in 1939.

She was employed by several architectural firms, including Miller, Vrydagh and Miller, and Miller and Yeager in Terre Haute and by the Commercial Solvents Corporation.

In 1939, she opened her own office and continued in her profession until 1974. Among her local projects were the Ben Blumberg, Dr. Alexander Cavins and Dr. Alan Rankin residences, Animal Building of Commercial Solvents, Crawford School, Medcenter, Social Security Building in Meadows Center and remodeling of First Congregational Church and Ben Franklin School.



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**Shelton Hannig:** Examines Juliet Peddle print.

1 Biography  
**He's 100**  
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**and hoping  
for more!**

By JAN CHAIT  
Tribune Staff Writer

One hundred down and another hundred to go? Henry Powell Porter celebrates his 100th birthday today and hopes he'll "live another 100 years."

Porter, who now lives in the Wallace Nursing Center, says he didn't think he'd live this long, but he's thankful to be here.



"I can't get around, Henry Porter (but it's) good to be alive," he said Monday. At 100 years, he adds he hopes he lives another 100.

Porter was born in Epes, Ala., in 1882, and worked for the Alabama Great Southern Railroad for 17 years. He came to Terre Haute in 1946 to work at Turner Brothers Glass Co. He later was employed 20 years as a porter at a local pool room.

The best time in his long life, he said, was when he was younger. Why? "Because I was young," he said, slapping his hands together and laughing.

He doesn't know how he got to be that old, saying he just kept on living until he got to be 100.

He attributes his long life "to the Lord." Marion Wilkerson, a licensed practical nurse who works at the center, said Porter loves church and goes to services there every Sunday.

Porter also enjoys listening to the radio and plays it just about all day, but said he doesn't dance much anymore.

He said he didn't play baseball anymore, either, although he was a catcher on his school's team.

The nursing center will have a birthday cake for Porter today and will also give him a gift, Ms. Wilkerson said.

Porter didn't know if he was going to get a cake or not, but said he'd try to blow out all the candles if there was one and wish for money to spend on clothes. He's a sharp dresser. "I always have been that way," he said.

Porter, Henry Powell

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PETITE BONE, MARGARET

## Mrs. Pettebone Assumes New Post At Union

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Mrs. Margaret Pettebone, since 1971 executive secretary for Region 7 Mental Health and Mental Retardation Planning, assumed Monday a new position as director of volunteer services at Union Hospital.

Her appointment was announced by Union Hospital Administrator Frank Shelton.

In her new post, Mrs. Pettebone will coordinate volunteer programs and activities at the hospital and will work with a number of different volunteer groups.

These will include Candy Strippers, Foster Grandparents, Women's Service League whose members' particular interest is work in the hospital gift shop, Red Cross Grey Ladies and volunteers with the chaplaincy programs.

As Region 7 executive secretary, Mrs. Pettebone worked with a number of

volunteer committees in the six-county Wabash Valley area such as the child mental health, addictions, mental health for the elderly and mental retardation and developmentally disabled committees.

A graduate of Louisiana State University, Mrs. Pettebone also took graduate work at Indiana State University and Indiana University.

She is the wife of E.R. Pettebone who is director of the Cooperative Education Program at ISU.



**JOINS HOSPITAL STAFF** — Mrs. Margaret Pettebone, left, is pictured Monday with Frank Shelton, Union Hospital Administrator, and Mrs. Frances Westrup, at right, when Mrs. Pettebone assumed her duties as director of volunteer services at the hospital. Mrs. Westrup is secretary of the board of directors of the hospital, a member of the Women's Service League of the hospital and active in other phases of volunteer programs at Union. (Photo by Kadel)

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# Lisa Petrulis finalist for national fellowship

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Lisa Petrulis, State High School senior who will graduate in May, is in St. Louis this weekend as one of 12 finalists in Washington University's 1978 Conway Memorial Art Fellowships national competition.

Miss Petrulis and the other finalists, chosen from 400 candidates, have demonstrated outstanding artistic and scholastic potential for a professional career in the visual arts, rank in the top 10 per cent of their class and achieved College Board scores in the upper ranges, according to eligibility rules for the competition.

Over this four-day weekend the 12 competitors are guests of the School of Fine Arts for interviews, tours of the campus and community, social events, and exhibits and critiques of their extensive art portfolios which they previously have submitted to be judged.

Six entering freshmen in WU's School of Fine Arts will be awarded Conway Fellowships, funded by a grant from the Ford Foundation, to support four years of study leading to a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

In addition to recognition by the academic community, the scholarship includes the full tuition for four years plus a stipend each year for art supplies.

The young artist, the only candidate from Indiana, is the student of John Laska, head of the art department at State



LISA PETRULIS

High and a well-known artist in the Wabash Valley and the state. She is the most recent of his students to win such acclaim, and the third finalist in as many years for the Conway scholarship which he considers probably the most lucrative award in art for high school seniors.

During her high school career Miss Petrulis has played clarinet in the school orchestra, has been a member of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church choir, worked two years on school publications and has been a member of a Model United Nations delegation. Besides her rigorous art activities this year in connection with the preparation of a 20-

piece portfolio for the coming competition, she studies dancing. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley D. Petrulis, RR 23.

Last year Bonnie Hughes was a finalist and the year before Alison Cannon was awarded a Conway and is completing her sophomore year at Washington University. In 1973 Loueta Chickadaunce won the National Scholastics A. H. Oliver Award and Miss Hughes was the recipient of that last year. Many others of Laska's former students have held other types of scholarships and have won numerous honors.

On the basis of the Personal interviews with the candidates this weekend, their applications, portfolios and essays in which they described their philosophy and artistic goals, the Conway Fellowship Board will rank the finalists and designate the top six competitors Conway scholars with the other six named as alternates. The scholarships honor Fred Conway, internationally recognized painter and muralist who taught on the Washington University faculty for 46 years.

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Petry, Guy K.

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## Retired T. H. banker will seek council-at-large seat

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Retired Terre Haute banker Guy K. Petry, 2604 N. 10th St., has announced he is seeking the Republican nomination for Vigo County councilman-at-large, subject to the May 6 primary election.

Petry, a lifelong resident of Terre Haute, is former treasurer and member of the board of directors of the former Fort Harrison Savings Association. He retired as assistant treasurer and director of the Wabash Fort Harrison Federal Savings and Loan Association.

Petry is a member of Terre Haute Elks Lodge No. 86, Kiwanis Club of

Greater Terre Haute and Barbour Avenue United Methodist Church. Petry's entry into the council race is his first venture in county-wide politics.

The three at-large seats on the Vigo County Council are at stake this year. The seven-member council controls the county's purse strings. At least one of the three Democrats who presently hold council seats will not be seeking re-election. Council president Paul Newton has filed for county auditor. Other at-large councilmen are Thomas A. Branam and L.E. Frazier.

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**Petit Is  
On Staff  
At KHMHC**



**DR. MICHAEL PETIT**

Michael Petit, M.D., a graduate in 1965 of the former Wiley High School, assumed Tuesday his duties as a psychiatrist at Katherine Hamilton Mental Health Center and became the seventh psychiatrist on the staff.

Dr. Petit is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Petit, 1201 S. 4th St.

He received the Bachelor of Arts degree in pre-medical science in 1969 from Indiana State University and his medical degree in 1973 from the Indiana University Medical School, Indianapolis.

He completed last week his residency in psychiatry at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, and at other psychiatric facilities associated with Washington University, of which Barnes Hospital is a part.

Dr. Petit lives in Glenn.

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# Career of 71-year-old barber spans many decades, hairstyles

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Biography

By MARTIN JASICKI  
Tribune Staff Writer

Russell Peterson couldn't tell you how many heads of hair he has trimmed, styled, combed, shampooed or chopped off during his 57 years as a barber.

"It's like trying to count sheep," he noted, calmly reflecting a career that has spanned seven decades and seven hundred hairstyle changes. "It can't be done."

But the 71-year-old Peterson — "Pete" to his countless friends — does recall vividly the time he shaved 23 men (mostly bootleggers) in one day while working in South Bend. And the 3,000 shampoos he has given a favorite Terre Haute customer over the years. And the times he cut retired basketball coach Johnny Wooden's hair while Wooden was on the staff at Indiana State University.

"I also cut Glen Curtis' hair," Pete smiled. "He was Wooden's coach!"

Peterson has worked in Terre Haute since 1928, but his "roots" in the hair cutting business go back much further to his pre-teen years in Fontanet.

"When I was 11 I sold 40 packages of seeds and received a pair of scissors, hand clippers and a comb," he said. "I remember, on my way home from picking up these prizes, I cut three heads of hair."

Subsequently, Pete's flair with the scissors began to sprout a following in his neighborhood where he adopted a makeshift office in the back half of a railroad boxcar.

"I cut a lot of women's hair back

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then," he said. "When I started they were wearing it tapered back, like the men. The girls, too, wore a lot of straight bobs. Men starting wearing sideburns, while older men continued wearing the full crown, block look, similar to what they're wearing today."

Claiming to be one of the oldest working union barbers, Peterson said when he began working in a "real" barber shop in Fontanet in 1923 they still used gas lights.

"Back then we used hand clippers, too, and there was no air conditioning which made it tough cutting boys' and girls' hair. There was a lot of pushin' and pullin'."

After a few years in his home town and a brief stint in South Bend, Peterson arrived in Terre Haute where he joined the barbering staff at the old Plaza Hotel, then located at 500 N. Ninth St.

"Then, we got hotel and railroad business," he recalled. "There was a lot of railroad trade at the depot."

In 1943, he moved to a downtown shop in which he became supervisor of six other barbers. Fifteen years later, he moved to his present location, on the first floor of the Sycamore Building, 21 S. Sixth St., where he continues to work alone.

Thousands of customers have spun around in Pete's leather chair over the years, an assortment of fashion-conscious folk, ranging from Prohibition-era bootleggers ("They were the best tippers"), to drunks ("I hated to shave them"), to community leaders.

Peterson proudly remembers trimming the hair of such dignitaries as athlete Wally Marks, author Max Ehrmann and actor Kirby Grant (of television's "Sky King" series), among hundreds of others.

And there was also the infamous, like alleged bootlegger Bill Miller, whom Pete claimed "built a fortune and bought a whole town in Texas," and Henry McDonald.

"McDonald was a mean one," Pete told an elderly customer who had just walked into his tiny shop for relief of the heat. "Remember the time he shot up the Courthouse? And then, after he got out from prison, there was another shootout and he was killed by police. I saw the whole thing."

"I'll never forget it," he continued. "I heard the shooting, turned around, and saw him get it. I fell to my knees, and it made me so nervous I couldn't cut any more hair that day."

That was one of the rare times Peterson has missed work. Except for the Columbian Stamping Works strike of the 1930s and a week off due to a kidney operation in 1956, Pete has always been on the job.

"I plan to keep doing it as long as I can," he noted, blow over the ringing buzz of a blow dryer.

But in the age of the men's \$26 hair trim, the Bo Derek look and uni-sex hair styling, one wonders how long Pete can survive.

He still charges the union rate — \$3.25 for most hair cuts — and can cut both men and women's hair.

"You just have to adjust," he optimistically replies.

And he should know. After all, he got through his 60s okay, and he had one of his best weeks in history just three weeks ago.

Peterson, Russell



"JUST A LITTLE AROUND THE EARS..." — Russell "Pete" Peterson combs back the hair of customer Lynn McCool during a routine hair trim at his small barber shop located inside the

Sycamore Building, 21 S. Sixth St. Peterson's been cutting hair in the Wabash Valley for more than 50 years.

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## After 11 months, Peterson still

By PATRICIA KRAPESH  
Tribune-Star Staff Writer

Last May, Prentiss L. Peterson laughingly challenged a group of reporters, "You don't know what to think of me, do you?"

Peterson had been in Terre Haute about two weeks as executive director of the Terre Haute Housing Authority and made that statement at his initial news conference.

Peterson is nearing the first anniversary of his arrival in Terre Haute, and some people still do not know what to think of him.

One reason is Peterson himself: his public and private comments in the past 11 months have created the impression of Peterson as something of an enigma among the press, his employees and city government associates.

Peterson has claimed, and then denied, that he is a disabled American veteran. He has claimed, and then qualified the claim, that he once was with the U.S. Secret Service.

Now, it develops, biographical information Peterson submitted to support his employment application as housing authority director appears to be inaccurate in part and exaggerated in other parts.

Who is Prentiss L. Peterson?

"I think he was possibly a personal attache or bodyguard to Truman." —

Harvey Sinclair, Hartford, Conn.

"He came very well recommended from references that we called." — Mayor Pete Chalos.

"He's a very knowledgeable and very thorough executive director who understood the regulations of government..." — Thomas F. Malone, Indianapolis.

"He had an awful lot of contacts in Washington. He had contacts, it seems, on both sides of the aisle. I know he always managed to get things done." — Arthur E. Fay, West Hartford, Conn.

"He has no bad habits.... He was very well-connected in Boston." — Stanley Fuger, West Hartford, Conn.

The Tribune-Star last week offered Peterson the opportunity to describe himself and to clarify apparent discrepancies in his employment background and his public comments.

Peterson twice declined to discuss his background with a Tribune-Star reporter. Last Monday, a reporter went to his office to clarify some apparent discrepancies. Peterson refused to talk to the reporter until Robert Hellmann, assistant city attorney and legal counsel for the housing authority, was present. And then, on Hellmann's advice, Peterson refused to answer most questions.

"That's none of your business.... I think it's my own personal



Prentiss L.  
Peterson

business.... I'm not telling you anything," Peterson said throughout the interview.

Peterson had declined earlier requests to provide the newspaper a copy of his professional resume.

Some local residents began asking questions about Peterson as early as last summer, when they received the impression that he had been a U.S. Secret Service agent.

Following a series of phone calls to the U.S. Secret Service in Washington, D.C., the newspaper was told in February that the agency had no record of any official relationship between Peterson and the Secret Service.

"Peterson has never been employed by this agency," said James Boyle, special agent of the public

affairs office.

But Boyle and other agency spokesmen said that there would be no record if Peterson had been an informant or had merely assisted the agency with an investigation.

That apparent discrepancy, plus public inquiries about Peterson, led to additional background checks on Peterson by the newspaper.

The results:

•Peterson claims to have attended Wilbraham Academy, a preparatory school in Massachusetts.

There is no record of Peterson having attended Wilbraham & Monson Academy (as it is now called), according to J. William LaBelle, dean of the academy.

•Peterson claims to have attended the University of Missouri majoring in economics and business administration.

There is no record of Peterson having attended the university's main campus in Columbia, Mo., according to Dr. Gary Smith, registrar. Inquiries to three extension campuses of the university also showed no record of attendance by Peterson.

•Peterson claims, in his work history, to have been employed as the executive director of the West Hartford redevelopment agency from February 1968 through January 1979. He said, in an interview last week,

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that he was with the agency "until the latter part of 1977."

Peterson worked for the redevelopment agency from February 1968 through January 1977 — not the latter part of 1977 or until 1979, according to Nan Glass, current West Hartford town clerk.

That discrepancy leaves unclear a two-year period in Peterson's employment history (1977-79).

•Peterson claimed, also in last Monday's interview, that he worked "as a consultant (for the city of West Hartford) until 1978."

He was employed as a consultant to the city from Jan. 10, 1977, through Feb. 10, 1977, Mrs. Glass said.

•Peterson claimed, in an interview on Feb. 15, that he was a disabled American veteran. But then last Monday, he denied that he ever said that.

According to the Veteran's Administration Central Office in Washington, D.C., Peterson has received VA benefits. He was eligible for benefits because of his military status, a spokeswoman said.

•Peterson claims, in his work history, to have been self-employed as an independent consultant in planning, redevelopment and public management when he sought employment here.

He initially declined to tell the newspaper the names of firms or

individuals for whom he provided consulting services. He then referred to the West Hartford consulting job, which was for the period January-February 1977.

A total four-year period of Peterson's employment history, including 1979-81, is unclear.

•Peterson has described, in his work history, an urban renewal project with which he was involved as a \$25 million effort.

The gross project cost was actually \$12.9 million, according to a federal Department of Housing and Urban Development official.

Setting aside the questions of when and where Peterson worked, one point seems clear: Peterson has earned high marks for his professional expertise and has a reputation for "getting the job done."

"The thing that he did do (a massive urban renewal project) turned out to be a genuine credit to the town," said Arthur E. Fay, who was West Hartford deputy mayor when Peterson worked there. "And, it was a very, very difficult situation and he handled it nicely."

Peterson had more good traits than bad ones, according to Stanley Fuger, who was chairman of the West Hartford redevelopment agency.

"He was very loyal to me," said

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Fuger, who added that Peterson was loyal to the agency and was successful at his job.

In Terre Haute, Peterson heads a staff of 78 with responsibility for housing about 2,500 local residents.

Evidence suggests that Peterson has performed his job well.

Peterson's almost one-year stint with the housing authority has been filled with professional challenges — not the least of which was to resolve problems cited in an audit covering a two-year period before he arrived here.

Chalos and Dinkel, chairman of the housing authority board of commissioners, said that Peterson's performance over the past year has been satisfactory. Among his accomplishments they list the 60-unit turnkey housing project, for which ground was broken Friday after two years of planning.

Neither Chalos nor Dinkel expressed concern over the discrepancies in Peterson's biographical history.

"With his professional performance, I'm satisfied," Chalos said. "I know one thing about Prentiss. He does shoot the bull to some people and maybe he's exaggerated his World War II experiences — whatever they might have been — to somebody. He certainly hasn't to me."

"All I have been interested in is his professional performance, and I consider his professional performance has met the goals we wanted to meet," the mayor said.

Dinkel's assessment: "I think Peterson has a way of doing things."

The housing authority commissioners had the responsibility for hiring Peterson. According to Dinkel, references contacted by local officials gave Peterson a good recommendation.

Dinkel recalled three references whom he personally contacted. One was Thomas F. Malone, director of the Holcomb Research Institute at Butler University.

Malone told the newspaper this month, "My estimation of him is that

he's a very knowledgeable and very thorough executive director who understood the regulations of government..."

Malone said he was a member of the redevelopment agency commission in West Hartford. Malone left West Hartford in 1973 and Peterson stayed on until 1977.

Dinkel said of three of Peterson's references: "All of them said he's a kind of colorful figure and he's very East Coast and he's not going to be Midwest and so on and so forth...."

Regarding discrepancies in Peterson's educational background, Dinkel said, "I don't know if that bothers me. He's still doing the job.... If it was misrepresentation that got him the job, that would bother me."

Chalos and Dinkel were asked if they knew whether Peterson had ever been affiliated with the Secret Service.

"Yes, he mentioned Secret Service to me," Chalos said. Peterson said "that he had worked with the Secret Service when he was with a food stamp office somewhere or other as an investigator."

Chalos continued, "He has never

purported to be a member of the Secret Service to me or a member of the FBI.... I have heard those rumors from other people but I have never heard them from Mr. Peterson."

Dinkel said, "He never told me... 'I was a Secret Service agent' or 'I was an FBI person,' or 'I was a Central Intelligence Agency person.'"

Dinkel added, "I can remember him saying he was involved in this or he was involved in that and talking about it.... I think the guy has worked with them. You know supposedly he says he has 'worked with those people and not for them.'"

Telephone interviews with people who claim to have known Peterson indicate that his discussions of the Secret Service have been occurring since at least the mid-1960s.

"I think he was possibly a personal attache or bodyguard to Truman," recalled one of those persons, Harvey Sinclair, who worked with Peterson and confirmed that Peterson was employed in Hartford, Conn. from 1965 to 1968.

Sinclair also recalled Peterson having mentioned that he had received a

battle citation during World War II. "I think it was a silver star," Sinclair said. Peterson has described himself as having achieved the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army.

Peterson claims he was affiliated with the Secret Service from 1945 through 1949, during former President Harry S. Truman's administration.

"I worked with the Secret Service as an investigator," Peterson said last month. That affiliation came about, he said, because of his employment as a chief compliance officer with a government agency which enforced the Federal Rent Control Act.

"Any federal agency, whoever you're with, if they need assistance, they will call on other agencies," he said. "They've always done that — for years. I worked with them."

"I was with Truman walking around as a fellow that helped out when they got shorthanded," he said.

From the disputed Secret Service affiliation in the late 1940s, Peterson's work history begins with the year 1952.

After February 1977, when Peterson left his West Hartford position,

his employment status is unclear.

He was employed for about three months in 1977 by Angelo Tomasso Inc. of New Britain, Conn., in a what was described only as a construction capacity by a spokeswoman for what is now Tilcon Tomasso Inc.

The Tribune-Star has confirmed only that Peterson worked approximately four months during the four years before he arrived here.

How does Mayor Chalos view the questions raised?

During an interview Monday he said, "My big concern with any employee or prospective employee is what is their work record and what's their honesty record. And, can I rely on them to perform well and honestly while they're here.... So far I have heard no reason to question his integrity."

Dinkel said that "any review of any information — or questioning — would be a matter to be taken up by the board."

Questions about Prentiss L. Peterson may remain unanswered.

He said last month, "I don't want people dwelling and checking up on my past because there's nothing in my past that I'm ashamed of."

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# Linda Peterson

## Biography

### Paid Honors

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Linda Peterson, who did what "I felt was instinctively right" when she rescued a 9-year-old neighbor boy from drowning, was honored today by both the Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce and the Terre Haute Rotary Club.

In addition, Linda was presented with the senior life saving card by Joe Lowe, executive director of the Wabash Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Linda, a senior at South Vigo High School, rescued Marshall Barber from a lake near Deerfield on Monday, Nov. 5.

In ceremonies during the regular Rotary Club noon luncheon at the Knights of Columbus Clubhouse, Linda received a certificate of recognition from the Rotary Club, presented by the club's president, Vern Fellows. She was also given one dozen roses.

Patrick O'Leary, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presented Linda with a "VIP" recognition plaque. O'Leary

stated earlier, "We want to compliment this young lady for her quick action and quick thinking."

He continued, "Young people like this need to be commended."

Lowe presented Linda with a certificate of course completion for the senior life-saving program. Linda completed the program earlier, but due to a mix-up in scheduling and the weather, was not given the senior life-saving card.

"Linda earned this card in her work in the Red Cross Program," Lowe stressed. "And of course her courageous act is testimony to her ability."

Lowe emphasized that no one is "given" the life-saving card, but that all persons must "earn" the card through programs at the Red Cross.

Concerning the various awards, Linda commented, "It's all so surprising, I didn't expect anything like this."

Linda is a member of Y-Teens, GAA and Forum at South Vigo. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Deward Peterson, 74 Doe Drive.

When she was asked about her courageous act, Linda told The TRIBUNE, "I didn't even think about what I was doing until I was in the water. Then I wondered if the boy really needed help. But when I saw

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him go under a couple of times, I realized that he was in trouble and I knew I had to rescue him."

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**LOCAL GIRL HONORED BY TWO GROUPS**—Linda Peterson, who unselfishly rescued a nine-year-old boy from drowning, received awards today from the Terre Haute Area Chamber of Commerce and the Terre Haute Rotary Club. Linda was also presented with her senior life saving card from the American Red Cross. Pictured with the South Vigo student is Patrick O'Leary, president of the area chamber of commerce, who stated, "Young people like this need to be commended." Martin Photo.

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William Wesley Peters, born in Terre Haute, and son of Frederick and Clara Peters, once publisher of the old Terre Haute Post, married Stalin's daughter, Svetlana, in March.

Peters, 57 years old, is chief architect of Taliesin West in Phoenix, Ariz. He is next in line as president of the Wright Foundation, named after his professional patron, Frank Lloyd Wright. Peters had been a widower for 24 years when his wife, daughter of Wright, and their 2-year-old son died in an auto accident.

At Evansville High School, Peters, whose father was also publisher of the Evansville Press, made up his mind to become an architect. He then attended Evansville College for a year and Massachusetts Institute of Technology for two years.

In 1932, Peters visited Wright and became his right-hand man in the fledgling Wright school, and his successor. Now he is chief architect of part of Taliesin's 1,200 acres.

Peters enjoys jogging, swimming, collecting art objects, and reading, especially the works of the English author, E. R. Edison.

The Phoenix Gazette said of Peters, "So it turns out this man who wed Svetlana of Russia, is the epitome of American, Hoosier middle-westernism, a moderate in thought and deed, an extreme individualist in his profession and life. But also he is open and gentle as his philosophy and the desert air that he and his new lover savor so voluptuously."

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## Peters elected RN president

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Miss Bonnie Peters, associate professor of nursing at Indiana State University, was recently elected president of District III, Indiana State Nurses Association.

The 150-member organization for Registered Nurses in Vigo, Vermillion, Sullivan and Clay Counties promotes high standards of nursing care to protect the public, and the economic and general welfare of nurses.

A member of the ISU School of Nursing faculty since 1966,

Miss Peters holds a diploma from Akron, Ohio, City Hospital's School of Nursing, and bachelor's and master's degrees in nursing from Ohio State University where she taught for six years before coming to ISU. Her field of interest is medical/surgical nursing with particular emphasis on critical care nursing.

The new ISNA District III president is a board member of the Vigo County Heart Association and secretary of the Vigo County Association of Volun-

tary Health Agencies. On the state level she is a member of ISNA's publications committee.

During the same election, Linda Harbour, assistant professor of nursing, was elected ISNA vice president in charge of membership.

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# Albert Peters Writes Most Unusual Manuscript



REHEARSAL TIME for Albert and Stella Peters occurs once a day when she sits down at the piano and he picks up the drum sticks. He is 93 and she is 86. When they aren't polishing their musical skills they are usually practicing their dance steps for a night at the Senior Citizens Center.

By MARY ANNE PIERCE  
Tribune Staff Writer

"Information you cannot find in history books" is in a 124-page manuscript prepared by an elderly Terre Haute resident with a fancy for facts and a flair for writing.

Albert Peters, 409 S. Center St., covers 125 topics in his booklet, adding a bit of Hoosier humor to each. Written with pencil and bound in a plain black binder, the material describes life the way he remembers it during parts of the 19th and 20th centuries.

The book includes prices from a 1908 Sears Roebuck catalogue, details of Penn Central Railroad's old payroll car, the history of the Wabash Senior Citizens Chapter, how to get rid of lice, bootlegging during Prohibition and numerous turn-of-the-century activities.

The material, however, omits details about Peters and his wife, Stella. He's 93, and she's 86. He plays the drums, she plays the piano and they go dancing regularly.

They have been married 15 years and Albert considers seven to be a lucky part of his courting days. He was 70 when

they met, weighed 170 pounds, was seven inches taller than Stella and they had seven dates before they decided to tie the knot.

Albert learned to play the pearlized set of drums that occupies a corner of their living room when he was 87. It took him three months to master them after Stella decided she needed someone to accompany her piano playing. Music has been a part of her life since she was a child and she has many interesting stories about the days when she was pianist for silent movies.

Until recently, Albert and Stella and nine other musicians made up the Peters Orchestra and played at Senior Citizens gatherings and for residents of nursing homes.

A hearing problem Stella is experiencing has hampered somewhat appearances with the orchestra but has failed to interfere with the zest for life she and Albert share. At a moment's notice, they strike up a medley of "Margie," "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland," "Whispering" and a couple other oldies. Their playing often draws in the neighbors who enjoy their good music, according to Albert.

Of their dancing, Albert says, "We could be vain because we've been flattered so often." They prefer to waltz and two step to the good old fashion tunes.

He had charge of the dance floor at the Senior Citizens Center for about 15 years. "The first thing a marriage does is to get things going. Some people sit on their hands. They want to dance but they don't want to be first. So we had to get out there first so they would follow us," he explains.

Some suspect Albert and Stella have either discovered the fountain of youth or a way to bottle sunshine in their cozy apartment. Whatever, they are a good cure for the winter blahs.

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PETERS, ALBERT AND STELLA

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# Perry taking new position at Cincinnati

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C. Wayne Perry, editor of The TRIBUNE since 1978, has resigned his position here to assume new responsibilities with The Cincinnati Post in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Perry has been associated with the Tribune-Star Publishing Co. for the past nine years.

At The Cincinnati Post, Perry will be involved with editing, supervising copy and directing the staff for the newspaper's Metro/Valley, Tri-County and Indiana editions. The Post, an afternoon Scripps-Howard paper, has a circulation of 150,000 in the greater Cincinnati area.

"It is with some amount of sadness that I leave The TRIBUNE and Terre Haute after such a long association," Perry said, "but there are great opportunities with The Post, and I look forward to the challenges there."

Perry joined the Tribune-Star operation following his graduation from Indiana State University in 1973. He served as staff writer, education reporter, Youth editor and city editor prior to being named assistant editor in 1977. He was promoted to editor of The TRIBUNE the following year.

A member of several community organizations and boards, including Arts Illiana, the Tribune-Star Credit Union and the Wabash Valley Press Club, Perry has also been involved during his time in Terre Haute with Rotary, Jaycees and various ISU groups.

In 1977, he received one of 20 worldwide journalism grants from Rotary International for study abroad. He has also been recognized by the Indiana State Teachers Association, the Associated Press, UPI and Sigma Delta Chi for his work in journalism.

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## Wayne Perry wins Rotary scholarship

C. Wayne Perry, assistant editor of The TRIBUNE and the Sunday Tribune-Star, has received one of 20 journalism study awards granted on a worldwide basis by the Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

The Education Award allows Perry to study at any university or college in the world during a portion of the 1978-79 academic year, with all expenses paid by the Rotary Foundation.

Perry's choice for study is the University College, Cardiff, Wales. He would be involved in the graduate journalism program.

Perry was nominated for the award by the Terre Haute Rotary Club and was endorsed by the Rotary's district subcommittee for the scholarship. He then competed with applicants from throughout the world for the 20 awards granted in the journalism field.

The basic period of a Rotary Foundation educational award is the study country's regular academic year. Recipients of the award can enroll at any point in the year for limited study.

No fixed dollar value is given to the award, but the Rotary Foundation pays full expenses for travel to the institution of study, incidental travel expenses, registration, tuition, educational fees, books and supplies, room and board and educational travel in the foreign country.

Recipients of the Educational Awards must, according to the Rotary Foundation, "be an outstanding student or jour-

nalist and a potential ambassador of good will of high quality." Specifically, applicants must have maintained high standards in academic studies and demonstrated qualities of leadership and seriousness of purpose. Journalism Award recipients must have completed two years of employment as journalists or have been students actively preparing for a career in journalism.

Perry has been with The TRIBUNE and Tribune-Star since 1973. He has served as staff writer and youth editor and, in April of this year, was named assistant editor.

He will continue his duties with the newspapers while taking advantage of the educational award.

Perry is a magna cum laude graduate of Indiana State University in journalism and English. During recent years he has received the Indiana State Teachers Association School Bell Award for reporting and has been named an Outstanding Young Man of America.

Perry is a member of the Terre Haute Jaycees and the Phi Gamma Delta Graduate Chapter of Terre Haute.

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# Wayne Perry Named New Assistant Editor

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Marsee A. Cox, editor of The TRIBUNE and the Sunday Tribune-Star, has announced that Wayne Perry has assumed duties as assistant editor for the daily and Sunday newspapers.

Perry, who has been with The TRIBUNE since 1973, succeeds James Dressler, who resigned recently to accept a position with the Nixon Newspapers.

Cox also announced that Mrs. Mary Anne Pierce will continue in her position as city editor of The TRIBUNE and the Sunday Tribune-Star, while Carl Davis will continue performing duties on both the city and wire desks of The TRIBUNE and Sunday Tribune-Star. Joe Baker, who joined the staff of the newspaper in 1975, will continue serving as wire editor for both the daily and Sunday newspapers.

Perry, a 1973 graduate of Indiana State University, has resided in Terre Haute since 1969.

He joined The TRIBUNE and Sunday Tribune-Star as a staff writer and was shortly named editor of the Sunday Youth news.

During the past four years he has reported on news of education and eco-

nomics and has served as a general assignment reporter.

He was the recipient of an Indiana State Teachers Association School Bell Award and, in addition to other honors, was an Outstanding Young Man of America in 1976.

Perry will continue reporting in a limited capacity in addition to serving as assistant editor and Youth News editor.

Mrs. Pierce joined the staff of The TRIBUNE and the Sunday Tribune-Star in 1967.

She served as a staff writer and as Youth News editor and Rotogravure editor.

In 1973 Mrs. Pierce began performing the duties of city editor and she was shortly named assistant city editor.

Currently Mrs. Pierce serves as city editor.

Davis became associated with the TRIBUNE and Sunday Tribune-Star in 1948. He has served in various capacities and at the present time performs key duties on both the city desk and the wire desk for The TRIBUNE and the Sunday Tribune-Star. He functions as city editor two days each week and as wire editor two days each week.

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added that "Perry has been doing a great job of reporting."

Perry graduated Magna Cum Laude from Indiana State University in 1973 with a B.A. degree in journalism and English. In addition, he has taken several graduate courses, working toward the M.A. or M.B.A. degree.

A recipient of the Alan C. Rankin Outstanding Senior Award, Perry was also editor of the ISU Sycamore Yearbook and a member of the ISU newspaper staff. He is a member of Sigma Delta Chi Professional Journalism Society, Blue Key Honorary Service Fraternity, and several other honoraries in the fields of English, journalism, and education.

The ISU graduate was named as outstanding journalist at the university during both his junior and senior years and he received several scholarships from various sources.

Perry is a graduate of the former Patricksburg High School in Owen County. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Perry, RR 1, Bowling Green.

Local UNISERV coordinating councils were given the opportunity to submit nominations for the awards, which are a project of ISTA exclusively. Two categories for competition are established—electronic media and print media.

Newspapers, magazines, industrial publications, institutional publications, wire services, syndicates, radio stations, and television stations whose excellent performances demonstrate consistent support of education were given consideration.

Also, individuals may be recognized for a series of articles interpreting public education or school programs, a column or series of columns, an editorial or series of editorials, cartoons, pictures or other illustrations, or television programs or series of programs.

The ISTA Communications Committee appoints the state judging group, using guidance from the staff of the communications division.

Coordinating councils are encouraged to recommend a nominee in each category. The recommendations is to be written, citing reasons for the nominating, including the best examples pertinent to the nomination.



**TRIBUNE STAFF WRITER HONORED**—Wayne Perry, staff writer for The TRIBUNE, has been named a recipient of the Indiana State Teachers Association School Bell Award for 1974. The award was given to Perry and the newspaper for education-related articles that appeared during the 1973-74 school year. With Perry are Mary Tranbarger, a member of the Vigo County Teachers Association who prepared the nomination for the award; John Tipton, president of the VCTA; and George Bakker, local ISTA UNISERV director.

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# Tribune Writer Earns School Bell Award

As a result of articles written by staff writer Wayne Perry, The TRIBUNE has been awarded one of the six School Bell Awards given by the Indiana State Teachers Association for 1974.

The annual award is given for "accuracy, fairness, and depth of reporting and contribution to education generally, or to teacher advocacy."

Perry and The TRIBUNE were recognized for articles that appeared during the 1973-74 school year.

The award was announced by ISTA president James Hirschinger.

Perry, who has been a staff writer with The TRIBUNE since June, 1973, reports regularly on news concerning education in the Wabash Valley.

Perry also serves as editor of the Youth Page of The Sunday Tribune Star.

In a letter which Perry received informing him of the award, Hirschinger said, "You have been selected as one of the winners of the 1974 School Bell Awards of the ISTA. The teaching profession in Indiana wishes to thank you and publicly recognize your contribution to the vital area of communicating educational concerns to the public."

Presentation of the award will be made at the ISTA Leadership Conference in French Lick on July 27. Perry will be a guest of ISTA for the dinner and awards presentation and will be an overnight guest for the conference.

Perry's stories were submitted to the School Bell Award judging committee, along with dates, nomination blank and letter from the local UNISERV office.

According to UNISERV director George Bakker, "Perry's forthright reporting of education pictures in Vigo County and his contribution to the cause of teacher advocacy by presenting the facts in a straight forward manner is responsible for his earning the award for his publication."

Vigo County Teachers Association president John Tipton said that he was "very impressed with the unbiased coverage The TRIBUNE has given to the overall educational picture in Vigo County" and he

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Perry, Wayne

Perry, Wayne

# Tribune Staff Member Edits Top Yearbook

The yearbook at Indiana State University, the 1973 Sycamore, has just been judged one of the best in the nation by the Associated Collegiate Press.

The book, published in September, received special commendation in four areas, known as marks of distinction: photography, copy, coverage and concept. The All American rating is presented to the top yearbooks in each enrollment category. The Sycamore is in the 10,000 to 15,000 enrollment group.

"This rating of the book is especially pleasing to me," Wayne Perry, 1973 editor, said, "because yearbooks around the country are having a difficult time keeping up with the changes and attitudes of the students. So it seems we have succeeded in presenting the life on our campus in such a way as to please the students as well as the judges."

Perry, a Bowling Green, Ind., journalism senior last year, developed a magazine style and format for the yearbook and created a number of features that until now had been in literary magazines. He is currently staff writer and youth page editor for the Tribune and Sunday Tribune-Star.

Noting this change in the yearbook approach, one of the judges wrote on the score sheet, "The overall impression of the '73 Sycamore is completeness of content coverage. Not only are



WAYNE PERRY

all the essentials of the year's story included but also a number of excellent extra features as the creativity section and the special interviews in the senior section."

Another judge wrote, "The staff has made a satisfactory effort to capture the special features of the university year to set it apart from all others."

The All American award was achieved by receiving 6,565 points from a possible 7,000 points.

Besides Perry as editor of the award winning yearbook the staff consisted of Susy Reis, assistant editor; Bob Brown, layout editor; Margo Hiller, photo

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editor; Garry Elder, business and circulation manager.

Division editors were: Jan Margason, John Brewer, Della Averitt, Mark Morse, Stan Hendricks, Meg Elder, John DeCoursey, and Steve Gillick.

Photographers were: Carl Walters, Bob Godfrey, Marianne Keffer, Stan Smith, Jim Kendrick, Kevin Swank, Neil Bobrow, Greg Lane, Mike Schreiber, and Bob Boxer.

Dr. John A. Boyd is the faculty adviser.

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Biography

## Retiring Petty looks at years of progress

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Joe H. Petty, retiring July 31 as manager of the Indiana Employment Security Division's local office, is proud of several accomplishments, especially securing jobs for minorities and women.

No local industries had blacks in the workforce when Petty arrived in Terre Haute in 1950 from Marion. "We helped the first Negro to get a factory job here — it was a big breakthrough," Petty said. "We also helped women in the job market."

Petty, 70, must step down after almost 40 years of service because of state law regarding mandatory retirement age.

"I hate to leave, but welcome the freedom of retirement," he said. "I'll miss the people I've worked with in both the local and state offices and those in the community that I've been in contact with."

A Dayton, Ohio, native, Petty moved to Lafayette at age 5. He graduated from DePauw University in 1936 and became a junior interviewer one year later in the Lafayette Security Division office. He had to pass both written and oral tests of the Indiana State Personnel Department.

From 1940 to 1945 he was senior interviewer and acting manager in Marion. He arrived in Terre Haute at the end of World War II and was assistant manager.

"When I arrived here, unemployment was running between 15 and 18 percent because the war had ended and 5,000 veterans were

coming back. Also the ordinance [defense] plants were closing," Petty said.

"There's still too much unemployment now, but I think that we have a better economic situation than when I first started." A wider range of available jobs in manufacturing and retail stores are the main reasons, he added.

Initially, the Security Division was only a job placement office. It was April 1938 before unemployment benefits were paid to non-workers. "The maximum was \$15 for a person with four dependents when it started. Next month, the benefit will be \$151," Petty said.

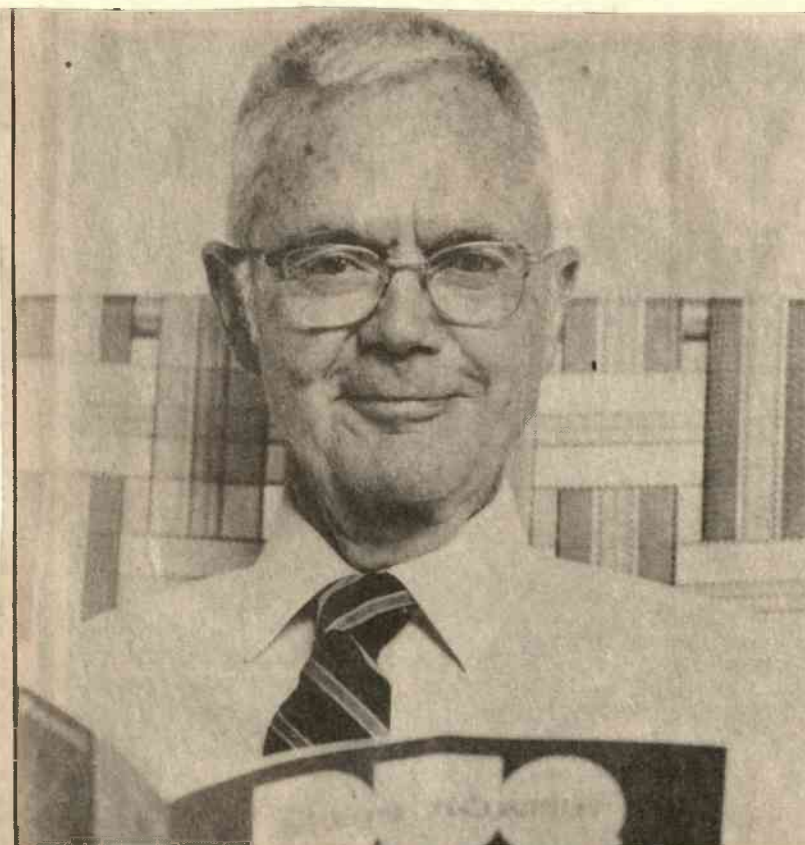
His three offices have placed about 200,000 people in jobs and paid out more than \$200 million in benefits.

Petty is confident that the long-range employment picture will improve locally. "I have confidence that Terre Haute will find ways for economic development. The people working together will make it succeed."

He and his wife, Floris, will travel more. Petty, a member and office-holder in several local organizations, also plans to "make myself available" in the community. The couple has one daughter, Leah McConaghy, and two grandchildren, residing in Milwaukee, Wis.

Replacing Petty will be Frederick Lanahan, current division manager in Lawrenceburg.

Petty, Joe H.



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**Retiring:** Petty steps down from Employment Security Division.

T.H. Biography

Peyton, Rev.  
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**Years Of Service**



**REV. L. ELWOOD PEYTON**

The Barbour Avenue United Methodist Church will observe 75 years of service in Terre Haute with a Diamond Jubilee Sunday, during the morning worship hour at 9:30 a.m. Sunday, May 2.

The Rev. L. Elwood Peyton, former pastor of the church, will be the speaker for this occasion. Friends of the church are invited to participate in the 9:30 a.m. service when the Rev. Mr. Peyton will bring the message entitled "The Church of Our Dreams."

The congregation was founded in 1896 by the Rev. J. L. Brandenburg, who held a tent meeting on the ground where the church now stands at the corner of Fourteenth Street and Barbour Avenue.

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A class of 30 members was organized and conducted meetings for two years in a building occupied by the Bevis Sawmilling Company.

By August, 1898, the first church building had been erected and was dedicated as a United Brethren church. Additions were built in 1903 and 1906 to accommodate a congregation that had swelled to more than 400.

The present building was completed in 1918, but it was later damaged extensively by fire. It was rebuilt and remodeled during the time the Rev. Mr. Peyton was pastor.

The church became an Evangelical United Brethren church, in 1946, at the time of the merger between the former Evangelical church and the former United Brethren.

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In 1968, Barbour Avenue became a United Methodist church through the merger of the former EUB and Methodist churches.

The present pastor at Barbour Avenue United Methodist Church is the Rev. Richard C. Gillum. He has been pastor there since 1969.

Other pastors who have served the church during its 75-year history include the following: T. E. Foreman, P. F. Kettring, J. S. Bray, C. I. Roush, E. T. Aldrich, J. B. Connett, R. S. Parr, L. L. Schoonover, J. R. Simmerman.

Also, F. A. Reed, L. E. Peyton, H. A. Achor, R. E. Youngblood, and R. S. Miller.

**LOCAL HISTORY**

Peyton, L. Elwood

GENE PERRY

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Service Term

*also Perry*  
Tuesday's meeting of the local Selective Service board will be the last for Gene Perry, Terre Haute insurance man, who has served as a member for the past 20 years. Recent federal legislation has placed a 20-year limit on length of terms, and Perry is the first to "retire" from the local board under the new regulations.

Perry has been chairman this past year. Other members are Benjamin G. Cox, Bert Williams, John Kite, Ray Ingram, secretary; and James Whalen.

Col. Wayne Rhodes, director of the state Selective Service System, Indianapolis, is expected to be present for Tuesday's late afternoon meeting.

"Looking back, I think the public has been most cooperative, understanding and knowledgeable about the work of the draft board. In fact, I can think of only two occasions in the past 20 years when this wasn't so," Perry commented. "Citizens understood that this is one of many functions of government, and that they are sometimes asked to make small contributions to society by serving. I hope I have done so, and I am pleased to have had the opportunity to serve on the board."

Other changes in the Selective Service System are also going into effect. The local office will soon be moved to larger quarters, serving as Area Office No. 11 for Vigo, Vermillion, Parke and Putnam counties. Records from two other counties have already been transferred to Terre Haute.

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# Kim Perkins

## Competing for Top Honors

By CAROLYN TOOPS

Tribune Staff Writer

Vigo County's reigning fair queen, Miss Kim Ann Perkins, has been selected as one of 20 semi-finalists in the annual Indianapolis Flower and Patio Cover Girl Contest.

Kim, who'll be 19 Jan. 22, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berlyn Perkins, 2041 N. 9th St. After being chosen Vigo County Fair Queen last summer, she went on to win honors as second runner up in the Indiana State Fair Queen contest.

Kim, a graduate of Terre Haute North Vigo High School, is now a freshman theatre major at Indiana State University. She is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi sorority and works part-time at Great Scot.

Kim, who has brown hair and hazel eyes, is 5 feet 3 inches tall and weighs 120 pounds. For the preliminary competition in the Cover Girl contest, she submitted two photographs, a full-length and a head and shoulders. Of the 200 entries, 20 semi-finalists were selected from the photographs alone.

The public now has a chance to select 10 finalists from the 20 semi-finalists whose pictures appeared in yesterday's Indianapolis Star magazine section. Thursday is the deadline for voting in "phase II" of the contest.

The Queen and her court will be selected from among the 10 finalists at a luncheon Jan. 27 in Indianapolis, when all will be

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# Kim Perkins

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interviewed by a panel of judges.

Besides being the Cover Girl for the annual Flower and Patio Show at the state fairgrounds, the winner will also receive a trip for two to the Bahamas.

Kim and her family are anxiously awaiting the results of the public's voting this week to see if she's going to be among the final 10 lovely young ladies.

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Perkins, Kim

# 'He was a robust tenor'

*Biography*

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## Only Yesterday

By Frances E. Hughes

"He was what was called a 'robust' tenor with a beautiful voice that carried well," says Mrs. Everett E. Hicks, 49 Monterey Avenue, of her brother, John Perkins.

Perkins rose to stardom in vaudeville years ago with his great talent for singing and comedy.

When he was a student at Garfield High School, where he played guard on the football team in 1917, he was known to his friends as "Fat" Perkins. Not only was he a vocalist but his good sense of humor and comedy made him popular both on and off the stage.

After leaving Garfield, Perkins was employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad for several years and during that time performed in entertainment locally. His parents had recognized the beauty of his voice and saw that he received voice training with local teachers.

His career in show business began when he went to San Francisco, Calif., where he became master of ceremonies for the show at Coffee Dans on Powell and O'Farrell streets. Besides emceeing the show, Johnny also presented his own act of comedy and singing. All the big stars of the day appeared there.

Sophie Tucker, the "Red Hot Mama," performed at Coffee Dans and told Perkins if he would go to New York she would help him get started in vaudeville. He took her up on the offer and she kept her word.

As a vocalist and comic, Perkins had his own vaudeville act. For two years, he played the Oriental Theater in Chicago with Paul Ash.

Then he went to St. Louis, Mo., to appear at the Skouras Brothers theaters. Through Mrs. Spyros Skouras, he met Madelyn Reissen, whom he married March 15, 1927. When he left St. Louis for a vaudeville tour, his wife went with him. She accompanied him on his tours until his retirement from the stage.

The first tour was in a Public Unit for



Balaban and Katz, out of Chicago. From then on, he played every key city with a show of 30 or 40 actors and singers for one-week stands.

In St. Louis numerous times on his tours, he performed with Ed Lowrey at the Ambassador Theater. He also played packed houses all week during the engagements at the Indiana Theater here and the Indiana Theater in Indianapolis.

On eight or nine different occasions, he was master of ceremonies at the Paramount Theater in New York. One time, he introduced Paul Whiteman, the famed orchestra leader, to Broadway. On this bill were the three Rhythm Boys, Bing Crosby, Rinkers and Barris.

His widow, who now lives in St. Louis, reminisces about when Perkins played gin rummy with Bing Crosby between shows almost every night. She says "Bing was a dear."

In another show on Broadway, the local entertainer introduced Rudy Vallee for his first appearance there. At that time, Bob Hope was a Number Two act on several units with Perkins.

Perkins also played at the Capital

Theater, the Palace Theater and at the Loew Theater in New York. He was master of ceremonies for a Judy Garland smash hit as well. On another bill, he performed on the same bill as Kate Smith.

In 1934, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Perkins in New York. When it was time for the child to go to school, they decided to leave show business if they could find something else to do.

When they got to Chicago, Roy Bruder, a relative of the Balaban family, who was working at the Chicago Theater, told them he knew of an old theater in St. Louis, Mo., that could be bought cheap. Bruder and Perkins became partners, bought the theater and opened the first large bowling alley (there were 20 alleys) and cocktail lounge in this part of the country in the building. The project was a huge success.

Mrs. Perkins also remembers an interesting week in Chicago when her husband appeared at the Chicago Theater in 1934 as master of ceremonies for the show starring Sally Rand, the fan dancer. The dancer was also appearing at the Pageant of Progress World's Fair at the time and she was taken off the stage there because she did not have enough clothes on.

By today's standards Sally Rand was very modest.

There were no microphones on the stages of those days but Perkins' voice was so powerful that it carried throughout the theater. The songs he was most remembered for were "That Old Gang of Mine," "My Wild Irish Rose" and other Irish songs that he, as an Irishman by birth, sang so well.

When Perkins died in 1951 at the age of 50 years, he had been retired from business for several years because of ill health.

He was always a great sports fan and was a good friend of Dizzy Dean. He and his wife traveled with the St. Louis Cardinals to Florida for spring training each year after he retired.

There are many happy memories of this talented and fun-loving man shared by his widow, who lives in St. Louis; his sister, Lillian, (Mrs. Hicks), who lives here; his son, Gary, who resides in Des Moines, Iowa; his three grandsons, and those fans who still remember him.

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# Three Rose grads to gain

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Three graduates of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology will be seated on the college's board of managers during its spring meeting next Friday.

New members are Michael W. Percopo, president of Squibb International, a division of E.R. Squibb & Sons, Inc.; P. Carter Smith, president of Mead Packaging, a division of the Mead Corp.; and John V. Titsworth, executive vice president and a member of the board of directors of Xerox Corp.

Percopo, who was graduated with a B.S. in chemical engineering in 1943, served as president of Squibb Western Hemisphere & Middle East from 1967 until being named president of Squibb International in 1978.

Having served as an officer in the U.S. Army from 1943 through 1946, he earned a master of business administration degree at Harvard University (1948) prior to joining Squibb.

His initial assignment was as Squibb representative with Laboratori Palma (now Squibb Italy) to coordinate the construction of the penicillin and streptomycin plants in Rome in the years 1948-51.

Subsequent international assignments included assistant to the president of E.R. Squibb Brazil, Sao Paulo, Brazil (1951-52), acting regional director at International Headquarters in New York (1953), managing director, E.R. Squibb Ilaclar, Istanbul, Turkey (1954-57), and general manager of Middle East Operations, International Division of Olin Mathieson (parent company then of E.R. Squibb & Sons, 1956-57).

The next 10 years were spent as vice president of Latin American operations (1957-66) and vice president of Pharmaceuticals International (1966-67).

Smith, a 1956 graduate in mechanical engineering, was named

president of Mead Packaging in February, 1981. The division he heads is a leading international supplier of paperboard and plastic packaging systems to the beverage, food and convenience products industries.

A native of Terre Haute, Smith also is a graduate of the Harvard Business School's Advanced Management Program.

Smith joined Mead in 1956 and served in various engineering positions at Mead Paper operations in Chillicothe, Ohio, and South Lee, Mass. He moved to Atlanta as Mead Packaging's manufacturing services director in 1964 and over the next 10 years served in several capacities, including plant manager and operations director.

In 1973 Smith was named vice president of operations for Mead's Paperboard Division. He became president and general manager of the Paperboard Division in 1974, presi-

dent and general manager of the Forms Paper Division in 1976 and president of Mead Packaging earlier this year.

Titsworth, a 1949 graduate in mechanical engineering, has headed Xerox Corporation's Information Products Group since joining the corporation in 1979.

Prior to joining Xerox, he held several management positions with Control Data Corporation, Minneapolis, including executive vice president-systems. He was a founder of Jet Electronics and Technology Corporation, a subsidiary of Lear Jet Industries and was a corporate vice president of Lear Jet Industries.

The Hutsonville, Ill., native, who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II, is a director of Texas Energy Development Corporation. Houston



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# Ned Pennington Accepts Post

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Vigo County District conservationist Ned Pennington will leave Terre Haute in March to accept a similar position at Waimea, Hawaii.

Pennington who has headed the Vigo County Soil and Water Conservation District said he will be in charge of a field office in Hawaii.

He said he and his wife and their nine-month-old daughter will leave Terre Haute in early March and, after visiting their families, will leave this country March 16 to fly to Hawaii.

Pennington explained Friday

that the field office at Waimea is on Hawaii Island, the largest of the seven islands which make up the state of Hawaii, and about 80 miles from Honolulu on Oahu Island.

"There are six other district conservation officers in the entire state," Pennington said.

"I'll be working with different soils than those here because the islands have volcanic soils. I'll be helping many truck farmers with relatively small acreages as well as the large plantations of several thousand acres."

"Cattle ranches are similar to those of the continental Western United States," Pennington noted, and extend for several thousands of acres. The largest of these comprises 220,000 acres where most of the beef for the entire state of Hawaii is raised.

He said he will be working also to provide help and consultative service to industrial, rural and suburban property owners and with the SWCD office. He will be concerned particularly with water management because of the droughts which have been recurring for the past several years.

Pennington said Friday he did not know who would be named to take his place here, and that his Hawaiian assignment will be for a minimum of two years. He may return to Indiana if he so desires after completing the new assignment.

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PENMAN, JOHN AND JOYCE

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**Penmans Fly**  
*Biography*  
**In from Alaska**

By KAYE HOOLE  
Tribune Staff Writer

Up, up and away they went . . . all the way to Terre Haute from southeastern Alaska. . .

John R. Penman and his wife, the former Joyce Crippes, flew their 1972 Champion Citabria to Terre Haute to attend the 1944 Concannon High School class reunion held earlier and remained for a visit.

They are formerly of Terre Haute. However, for the last 14 years they have made their home in southeastern Alaska on an island near the Panhandle, which is located about 800 air miles north of Seattle, Wash.

Flying has been an interest of theirs since October, 1968, when Penman received his license. At that time, they began air traveling in a Champion, especially convenient for fishing, a primary interest of Penman's.

According to Mrs. Penman, "We took up flying for 'funsies'; with such vast country in Alaska, however, it has become a major source of transportation for us."

When questioned concerning life in Alaska, Mrs. Penman commented, "There's a lot of rain in Alaska; also living on an island we find ourselves rather isolated."

Presently, their place of residence has a population of 7,000 and established there is the Bureau of Indian Affairs which includes a school for Indian children.

Both Penman and his wife serve on the Civil Air Patrol in Alaska. While Penman is flight operations officer, essentially dealing with maintenance of the aircraft, Mrs. Penman serves as personnel officer.

He now is employed as supervisor for the Alaska Lumber and Pulp Company, a subsidiary of a major Japanese cor-

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THE DARING DUO—John and Joyce Penman, both formerly of Terre Haute, flew their airplane in from an island in Alaska for the 1944 Concannon High School class reunion. While in the city, the couple has been staying with Penman's mother, Mrs. John Penman, 2356 Hulman St.  
House of Photography Photo.

## Guests from Alaska

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poration. In addition to fishing he enjoys moose-hunting, his plane is of great value in this area also. "While in the city, John has greatly enjoyed fishing for 'muddy valley catfish'," comments his wife.

Mrs. Penman is a flight student and has flown solo as a part of her instruction. A great deal of her additional time is spent bowling as she is city and state director of the bowling activities back home.

The Penmans have three children. A son, Michael, has a career as an outboard mechanic. Their son, John, is currently stationed with the Third Armed Division at Hanau, an Army base in Alaska. John also enjoys flying as a hobby. Linda Coffman, their daughter, now married, lives in Juneau, Alaska. In addition, they have six grandchildren.

Following attendance at the class reunion, the Penmans have been guests of his mother, Mrs. John Penman, 2356 Hulman St.

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## Spec. 4 Pendergast Top Chess Player in Army

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There are no guard or clerical assignments for a former Terre Haute resident now a career-man in the U.S. Army.

Spec. 4 William C. Pendergast, born in Terre Haute to former residents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pendergast, 25 years ago, plays chess for the army.

Assigned to Headquarters, Southern European Task Force in Italy, he has been on the chess detail since winning the European military chess championship last May.

His recent winnings include tournaments in London and

Munich. He hopes to return to the states next year for the New York matches where transportation difficulties caused him to arrive late, forfeit his first two games and miss this year's finals by one half a point.

Pendergast began studying chess three years ago after watching a game in Okinawa. Two months later he entered his first tourney and was beaten. Two more months of study led to a tourney championship and a change in his army future.

Watching his progress closely are his grandfather, Curt Pendergast, formerly of Terre Haute now living in Florida and his uncle, Don Pendergast, 32 McKinley Blvd.

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Donald Pendergast

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**Pendergast Named  
By United Way**

*Biog. United Way*  
Don Pendergast, president of Unique Graphics Corp., has been named vice president for industrial, construction and transportation divisions of the United Way Campaign. His appointment was announced by Ray G. Ingram, United Way campaign chairman.

Last year, Pendergast served as chairman of the industrial division of the United Way campaign. He serves as chairman of the YWCA Development Fund, and is a member of the Vigo County School Corporation's Superintendent's

Committee on Learning Disabilities. He is also a member of the Trinity Lutheran Church.

A Korean War veteran, Pendergast served in the Air Force from 1951 to 1953. He is a 1951 graduate of Indiana University and resides at 32 McKinley Blvd., with his wife, Marilyn and four children.

The drive for funds for the 31 agencies will be conducted during October and the first two weeks of November.

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LOCAL HISTORY



**SHE'S ALWAYS BUSY** — Ever since Mrs. Frank Pender, Carlisle Road, Colobian Park, was a little girl and while "doodling" designed the 4-H Club emblem, she has been using her imagination and skill in various jobs and hobbies. Now retired, she makes dolls of felt on wire frames, toy Missouri mules, velvet birds, trimmed in beads and sequins, for Christmas tree ornaments, and paints landscapes in oil. She divides her time between the homes of her daughter, Mrs. E. R. Pettebone, here, and her son, Col. Frank M. Pender, now stationed in Seoul, Korea, and their families. (Photo by Kadel).

*Pender, Mrs. Frank*

*T.H. Biography Pender, Mrs. Frank*

## Local Woman Designed 4-H Club Clover Emblem

It was Mrs. Frank Pender, Carlisle Road, Colonial Park, who designed the four-leaf clover emblem of the 4-H clubs of the country.

It all began in 1908 when Mrs. Pender, then little Miss Eva Mercier, listened in on many conferences in her parents' home in Washington, D. C., when the Extension Department and the 4-H clubs of the United States government were being organized.

The four men called to Washington to establish an organization on farming problems for the government met often at her home as her father, William B. Mercier, a cotton planter from near Centerville, Miss., was one of the men summoned there. Mercier was a graduate

of Mississippi A. & M. College and he had been having trouble with the boll weevil at his plantation which made him valuable to the committee.

It was after one of these conferences that the little girl took a piece of paper on which four H's had been inscribed and "doodled" a four-leaf clover around them. The men decided this was a good insignia to use.

Reared on a plantation until then, Mrs. Pender, her mother and sister had joined Mr. Mercier in Washington and from then on made their home there. It was while attending Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, Va., that Eva Mercier met Dr. Frank Pender, then a medical student at Georgetown University, whom she married.

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Dr. Pender was one of the first doctors to do tuberculosis surgery—both the pneumo-thorax and the rib resection surgery—at the Essex Mountain Sanitarium at Verona, N. J., where he was director. The couple had two children—a daughter, Mrs. E. R. Pettebone, and a son, Col. Frank M. Pender of the United States Army, now stationed in Seoul, Korea.

As a young girl, Mrs. Pender heard a lot about Home Demonstration Clubs and other activities of the Extension Department. So, it was logical upon the death of her husband in 1924, that she become a home demonstration agent in Lafayette, La.

Then, also, she did community organization work and later traveled all over the country for many years in her work. She was in the educational advertising field, first with United Public Service, Chicago, then with Edison Electric Appliance, Los Angeles, and as home service and home light director of New Orleans Public Service.

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While in New Orleans, she was commissioned to restore five of the famous Pontalba Apartments on Jackson Square.

From New Orleans, she moved on to become home service director of United Gas System, Beaumont, Tex., traveling all over Texas. At that time, she presented a radio program, "Over the Teacups," a chatty program about the history of the Southwest, on an ABC station.

Baton Rouge, La., was the next place she went, and there she opened the Old Hickory Lodge as an antique shop in a building built in 1812 for the first Masonic Lodge, 10 miles from the city. Mrs. Pender had the shop filled with her own antique furniture from the plantation, but she decided she didn't want to sell her possessions, after all. So, she started a tea room there, which she managed until World War II when gas rationing slowed down her business.

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Again, in Baton Rouge, she had a radio program, "Woman's Page of the Air," for a year.

Her next work was as manager of an advertising program, Club Studio, at the Fairfax Hotel, Washington, D. C. She lived at the hotel for 15 years, and while there, was given a commission to redecorate the entire building.

A year's visit with her son and his family, while he was stationed in Heidelberg, Germany, followed, after which Mrs. Pender spent some time in San Francisco and Washington. Since retiring from active participation in business several years ago, her time is divided between her daughter here and her son. She has seven grandchildren.

Even in retirement, Mrs. Pender is active. For she makes little dolls of wire frames covered with felt and dacron, makes miniature Missouri mules and birds of velvet materials decorated with beads and sequins that are used for Christmas tree decorations. She studied art years ago, and over the years, she has enjoyed painting landscapes in oil.

Joseph N. Pelliccio

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**Sgt. Pelliccio**  
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**Earns Award**  
*Biography*

A Seelyville man was awarded the first Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Force Commendation Medal in special weekend ceremonies at Hulman Field Air National Guard Base.

Receiving recognition was T. Sgt. Joseph N. Pelliccio, a 19-year veteran of the Air Force who serves as advisor for the 181st Communication Flight, Indiana Air National Guard, Hulman Field. The Pelliccio family resides in Seelyville.

He earned the award for "meritorious service as flight supervisor while assigned to the Joint Communications Group, Elemendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, from January 1968 until April 3 of this year." He joined the 181st at Hulman Field a week later.

He is a native of Miami, Fla., and has spent most of his Air Force career in the communications field.

The presentation of the award was made by Lt. Col. Frank L. Hettlinger, commander of the 181st Tactical Fighter Group, Indiana Air National Guard.

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Launches 'People's Campaign'

# Pekel Seeks U.S. Congress Seat

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JON PEKEL

Jon Pekel, a 35-year-old Terre Haute journalist and clergyman, launched what he termed as a "people's campaign" early Wednesday for the nomination of U.S. Congressman from Indiana's Seventh District.

Pekel, a Democrat, told a crowd of supporters at the Vigo County Courthouse that two central themes would highlight his campaign.

The first theme, according to the new candidate, centers on electing a Congressman "who votes for the people."

"I enter this race because I believe that for the past 10 years, and especially for the past two years during this most severe of our post-depression recessions, Mr. (John) Myers (the incumbent) has time and time again smiled with us at home in Indiana while going off to push his House of Representatives voting button against us back in Washington."

Pekel added that "when we think of electing a Congressman, it's the finger on

the button that really counts."

The former pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church in Terre Haute said that his second campaign theme would center on "bringing the federal government closer to the people of Indiana; or, perhaps as an Indiana minstrel once wrote, bringing government 'Back Home Again in Indiana.'"

Noting that "nothing destroys the human spirit quicker than the sense that we have no control over decisions that affect our lives," Pekel went on to make a series of seven pledges as to how he would accomplish this goal.

Included among the seven pledges was one to conduct monthly "press conference-forums" within the district at which all of his previous month's votes would be discussed, as well as his leaning on pending legislation.

Pekel's other pledges included establishment of regular Saturday office hours within the Seventh District, the conducting of four "issue hearings" each

year, a cutback in federal spending where "I have personal and direct control — in the Congressman's office," full campaign disclosure, a debate with his Republican opponent in 1978, and maintenance of an active residence in Terre Haute.

"Today," Pekel said, "I formally make the switch from the religious pulpit to the political platform and from a journalistic commentator 'on the outside' to a political participator 'on the inside.' Such a switch should not be made lightly, and it has not been made lightly. I can assure you that."

Pekel, a lifelong Democrat and former columnist for The Spectator, is a member of a variety of area organizations and was named "Outstanding Citizen" for 1973-74 by the Terre Haute Jaycees.

He is married and the father of two children.

# Rev. Pekel Resigns Post At Trinity Lutheran Church

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Seeking employment in communications as he announces his resignation as pastor of a local church, the Rev. Jon Pekel terms Terre Haute a town "... full of volcanic potential" and says that he plans to continue "in the ministry of the Christian Gospel, but doing so as a lay person."

His resignation was announced in a letter to the congregation of the Trinity Lutheran Church, 2620 Ohio Blvd., and is effective Nov. 30, according to reports.

The minister received the 1974 Terre Haute Jaycees Outstanding Citizen Award and was cited for his various community involvements.

As pastor at Trinity Lutheran since 1972, Rev. Pekel served as president of the Vigo County Clergy Association and of the Greater Terre Haute Church Federation. Currently, he is di-

rector of the Commission on Social Ministry for the Lutheran Church in America Synod, a two-state organization.

Producer and host of "Religious Heritage," a weekly program aired by W-TWO, Rev. Pekel also writes a weekly column for the "SPECTATOR," a local weekly newspaper.

A volunteers group leader at the U.S. Penitentiary in Terre Haute, he has served on the board of directors at the Hyts Community Center and the Planned Parenthood of Vigo County.

"I plan to retain my participation in the ministry of the Christian Gospel, but doing so as a lay person," said Pekel in his letter of resignation.

"Terre Haute is my kind of town — full of volcanic potential, but also one that wears in public both its more ugly scars and its more attractive beauty marks," Rev. Pekel added.

Pekel, Jon

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PEARSON, GERALD WAYNE

*T.H. Biography*  
**Gerald W. Pearson Takes  
Teachers Association Job**  
*T.H. Trib. 2/3/68*

Gerald Wayne Pearson, mathematics teacher at Wilson Junior High School, Terre Haute, resigned at the end of the first semester to join the professional staff of the Indiana State Teachers Association.

Robert H. Wyatt, ISTA executive secretary, announced Pearson's appointment in Indianapolis.

As ISTA field representative for southwestern Indiana, Pearson will assist local teacher associations affiliated with ISTA with their professional concerns.

Pearson, who taught physics, chemistry, and mathematics in the Indiana State University Laboratory School before his assignment by the Vigo County School Corporation in 1964, has been chairman of the campaign committee and a member of the negotiation team of the Vigo County Teachers Association. As a member of the ISTA, he has been a delegate to its representative assembly for the past two years. He also is a

member of the National Education Association and Pi Mu Epsilon, national mathematics honorary.

A graduate of Garfield High School, Pearson received both his bachelor's and his master's degrees from Indiana State University. He has attended a summer school session at the University of Notre Dame with work toward a doctorate.

Married and the father of two children, Pearson lives at 1022 S. 24th St., Terre Haute.

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Peffley, Marilyn

Biography

# We were sure it was a mistake

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"Your son has been in an accident," said the state trooper standing at Marilyn Peffley's front door.

It was 11 p.m. on Oct. 28, 1978. It was the beginning of a three-year period of frustration and outrage for the Peffley family.

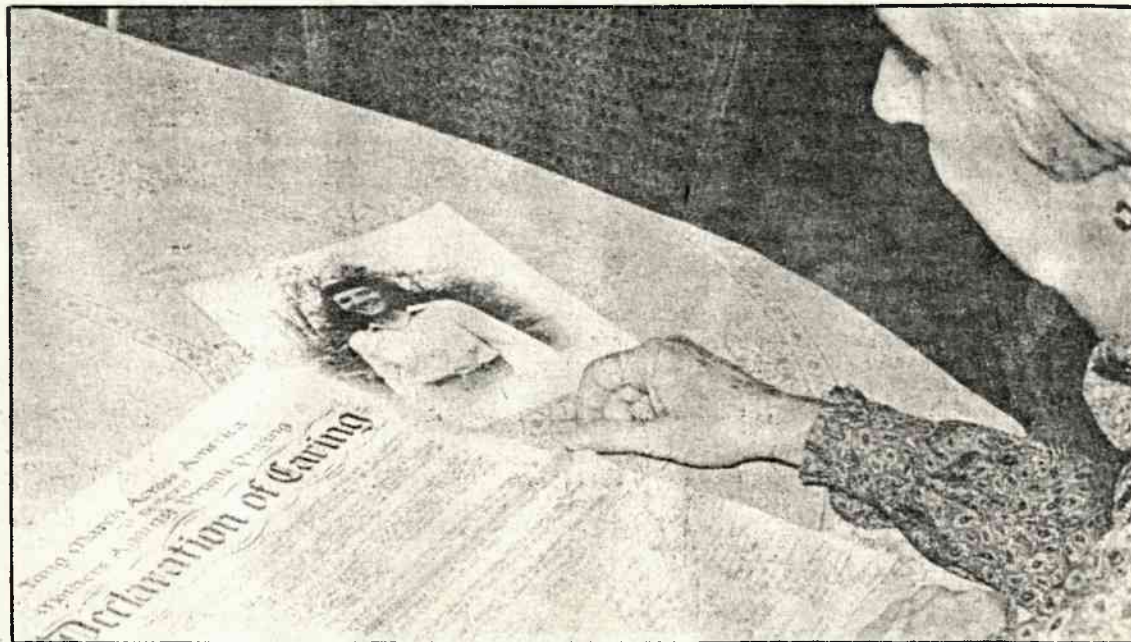
"We were just so sure it was a mistake because he didn't have his facts straight," Peffley said. Delaine was the name of her 24-year-old daughter, not her son. Peffley was further confused when she learned that the crash occurred in LaPorte County, Ind.

"We didn't know where LaPorte was. We didn't even know she was in the northern part of the state," Peffley said of Delaine, an Indianapolis resident. Peffley described being in "such a state of shock" that she "didn't even comprehend what was going on."

At that point, the idea of death had not clearly penetrated Peffley's mind. "Even though an officer only comes when someone is killed, I kept thinking, 'She's OK,'" Peffley said. Ironically, Peffley remembers thinking early on that she hoped the crash didn't involve drunken driving.

The police officer stayed while the Peffleys called the northern Indiana hospital where Delaine had been taken. After giving explanations to more than five hospital employees, they finally learned that Delaine had been admitted dead on arrival. She had died instantly of a broken neck. "For that I'm grateful that she didn't have to suffer," said Peffley.

The crash occurred when Billy Coldiron's car crossed four lanes of traffic and a median, veered off the shoulder and back. He struck the passenger side of the car in which



Declaration of caring: Marilyn Peffley remembers her daughter.

Delaine was riding. The driver of the car was injured severely.

Coldiron's blood-alcohol level measured .195, almost twice the legal limit. He had apparently started drinking after an argument at home.

When she finally learned that her daughter had been killed, Peffley remembers that she "stayed in control." She and her husband called their minister, but didn't contact anyone else during the night.

Peffley recalls notifying her only son as "the most difficult thing." Informing Delaine's grandparents the next day was also painful. "They really fell apart. She was their only granddaughter."

Friends and relatives started arriving the day after the crash. Peffley recalled operating "like a robot." She said, "You go through the function of everything that has to be done. Some people insisted that I take tranquilizers but I never did."

More than 400 people attended Delaine's funeral, some from New York, California and Florida. "She had so many friends," said Peffley. Because Delaine had studied for six months in France, the Peffleys also received cards and letters from abroad.

The nights after the funeral were the most painful time for Peffley. She was haunted by fear from losing her only daughter. "Who is going to care for me in my old age?" she worried.

With the help of a close friend, Peffley began to recover emotionally. "Time doesn't heal, work does — work at grief and putting your life back together," she said. Peffley does not believe that Delaine's death was God's will. "Billy J. Coldiron chose to get drunk and he chose to drive."

But the events which began that night seemed to have no end.

Billy Coldiron jumped bail shortly after the crash.

"Here's this guy out here, he

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killed my daughter and he receives no justice," Peffley said. "He was probably continuing to drink and drive," she said of the time Coldiron was missing.

Three years after Delaine's death, Coldiron was picked up in an unrelated incident and, in the process, finally brought to trial. Peffley said that even then the "courts didn't cooperate. It felt like everybody was against us," she said.

The Peffleys found out about Coldiron's sentencing by chance, and she appeared to speak to the court. "I wanted the judge to know what it felt like to lose a daughter," Peffley said.

Coldiron was sentenced to two years in prison, with one year suspended. "Coldiron's cronies were celebrating the light sentence in the tavern across the street before we even left the courthouse."

Coldiron was later released from prison on a technicality after serving only 44 days. **Shannon Maddy**



*T.H. Biography*  
**GUY V. PEARSON**  
**FORMER RESIDENT**

*T.H. Trib. 3/20/67*  
**RECEIVES HONOR**

Guy V. Pearson, a former resident of Terre Haute, and the son of Mrs. S. W. Pearson, 427 So. 7th St., West Terre Haute, recently received an award in recognition of 15 years' service in the nuclear weapons program at Sandia Corporation, Albuquerque, N. M.

Sandia Corporation, a subsidiary of Western Electric Co., operates two laboratories and a non-nuclear test range engaged in research and development on ordnance phases of nuclear weapons design. Sandia conducts these operations for the Atomic Energy Commission.

Pearson joined Sandia March 17, 1952. He is presently a member of the Programming Department at the Corporation.

He is married and lives at 8901 W. Frontage Rd., N.E. Albuquerque. His sister, Mrs. Paul C. Zimmerman, and brother, Earl C. Pearson, are both Terre Haute area residents.

*Pearson, Guy V.*  
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## organizer Peffley hopes mothers pain — and anger

# Not defeated

## Local MADD to save other

By Shannon Maddy  
Special to the Tribune-Star

BIOGRAPHY

When Marilyn's Peffley's only daughter was killed by a drunken driver in 1978, she got MADD.

"If I'm able to save one person's life and prevent the pain and agony in that family, I think it would all be worthwhile," said the founder of the Terre Haute chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"I want to make something positive come from my daughter's death," Peffley said. "Delaine was a compassionate person. This is something I think she would want me to do."

She gives support to and is an advocate for victim's families. They call at all hours, not knowing where else to turn for help. She organizes monthly meetings of the local MADD chapter and keeps abreast of MADD national events.

"She is one of the most dedicated individuals I ever met," said Margie Alexander, vice president of MADD. "What I admire most about her is that she wasn't defeated by Delaine's death."

Peffley does not seem motivated by bitterness. "I feel pity, not hatred," she said of the man who killed her daughter.

Peffley goes about her days with a singleness of purpose. She spends hours at the typewriter each week, writing letters to legislators and editors urging tougher drunken-driving laws.

An abstainer herself, Peffley is not a prohibitionist as some critics claim. "I'm not opposed to drinking. I'm opposed to drunk driving."

She has learned to live with the hostility that is sometimes directed at her because of her position. "Criticism just rolls off my back like water off a duck's back."

Peffley is often labeled a fanatic. The hostess of a public event called her "narrow-minded and extreme." Last winter Peffley warned event-

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Peffley, Marilyn



**MARILYN PEFFLEY**  
Recalls tragic night

goers against serving alcoholic beverages and said it set a bad example, said the hostess, who requested anonymity.

The hostess said she was confronted by Peffley in the bathroom. "I had a glass of wine in my hand and she asked if I was planning to drive," the hostess said. "I was well below the legal limit of one drink an hour."

When asked about the incident, Peffley replied, "I certainly didn't ever go to the bathroom and confront someone." Peffley went on to reiterate that she was against drunken driving, not drinking. "I think sometimes

people's consciences bother them. I make people uncomfortable with my presence."

With 25,000 drunken-driving crashes a year, Peffley's goal of reducing that number to zero seems unrealistic. She admits the likelihood of that occurring is slim.

MADD also stands for "Modifying Attitudes Toward Drinking and Driving." Realism means changing people's attitudes, said Peffley.

"I think we could solve a lot of problems if no one drank, but that's not reality," she said. "We have to deal with realism."

Reality, for Peffley, has also meant learning to deal with the impact of drunken driving on her family.

In a soft voice, the middle-aged woman described her emotions upon hearing of 24-year-old Delaine's death. "It was hard to even comprehend that it had happened," she said of the crash.

Peffley's initial reaction was shock, but disbelief lasted longer. "We called Delaine's apartment and we were just sure she'd answer the phone but she didn't."

An overwhelming onslaught of emotions followed in the days and months after the crash. Waking up in the morning, she would think the whole thing had been just a bad dream. Sadness and "utter loneliness" seemed to be her overriding feelings immediately after the crash.

Regret also made up a large part of her emotional state. The Peffleys were planning a family canoe trip at the time of Delaine's death, and a neighbor's mention of a similar trip "triggered a grief spasm in me," Peffley said.

Peffley feels not only regret for herself but also for her daughter, who was "cheated out of leading a full and complete life."

With the help of a close friend, Peffley eventually pulled out of her despair and depression. However, one overwhelming emotion remained — anger.

"I felt anger at the system that allowed this kind of behavior to go uncorralled. My anger gave me inspiration to try and work through the system."

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# Hoosier to Be Remembered As Engineering Genius

Biography (Incl.)

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SANDBORN, Ind. (Special)—Probably no one, anywhere, was more interested in the successful conclusion of the Apollo space program than a Hoosier physicist, engineer, test pilot, whose genius allowed him to design the control system for the first U.S. guided missile while still a teenager, then go on to do the trajectory equations for the moon shots, and finally to explore the possibility of man's flight to the stars.

James E. Peden, 40, Indianapolis, was buried last week in the small southwestern town of Sandborn, where he was born and grew up, his genius going unnoticed by his family and friends until young manhood.

The former atomic physicist, who knew most of the astronauts personally, put up a diligent fight against the malignancy that had been destroying his body the past few years, but he couldn't hang onto life to see the completion of the final U.S. Apollo moon flight.

Working with mathematicians from Daugrin, Va., Peden had done the trajectory equations for the moon shots, determining at what time and place to fire the re-entry rockets to bring the spacecraft to a safe landing.

One of the first persons to work with Dr. Werner Von Braun after the German scientist came to this country, Peden did the design of the control system for the first U.S. guided missile when he was not yet 18 years of age. Specifically, he was in charge of the mechanization design of the control system.

He had attracted the interest of the Atomic Energy Commission by the time he was 16 years of age, after writing some papers and while doing work in physics at Purdue University and Evansville College.

Always interested in electronics, Peden, when still a small boy, went around the neighborhood collecting burned out radios, toasters, and other household appliances in his little red wagon hooked behind his bicycle, then rebuilt them. His mother admits she laughingly referred to them as "Jim's junk."

A lonely boy, with few friends, Jim spent many hours at the piano and by the age of nine was playing such major works as Tchaikovsky's First Concerto. After studying with two former students of Rachmaninoff he was taken on concert tour.

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Had fate not stepped in, Peden might have become a professional pianist. But when he was on tour at the age of 15, he "tore up his hand" with too much practice. This neurological reaction led him some years later to study and write several papers on neurology and pathology and the transfer of stimuli in the nervous system, and motor control. Working with him on the research was his grandfather, Dr. J. L. Blaze of Princeton, who held seven degrees.

Using scholarships he had received when he graduated from Sandborn High School in a class of 12 students, Jim received degrees in music, physics, chemistry, math and a master's degree in electronic engineering from Purdue.

He did his doctoral thesis in physics at Indiana University, where he later served as an instructor in the subject and lectured at annual audio-visual seminars. He was a registered professional engineer in five states. At one time he owned three electronics corporations.

As a research physicist in Naval avionics, he did the engineering design for the first transfer alignment system for inertial navigation between aircraft and carrier operating at sea.

Some years ago he did the application of rocketry and various types of machineguns on supersonic aircraft. One of the problems was that the guns fired 9,000 rounds per minute and the planes, flying at supersonic speeds, were endangered by their own shell fire.

Working with the Air Force for Hughes Aircraft, as a technical consultant for the 4708th Air Defense Command, he was instrumental in the design of several firing air computers to evaluate air-to-air and air-to-ground systems.

His work with the Air Force led to an interest in test flying, so he enrolled in training school at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. It was there that he met a test pilot named Gus Grissom. The two came in contact again later at NASA when Peden was working on the control system for the space capsules.

Later, ironically, Peden engineered the acoustics, sound system and display layout for Grissom Memorial at Spring Mill State Park, near the late astronaut's home town, Mitchell, Ind.

PEDEN, JAMES E.

John Glenn, also destined to become an astronaut, flew for Peden in an F-8U Crusader jet on a record-setting cross-country flight. The Marine pilot, whose plane was loaded with camera gear, took a lot of needling from fellow fliers about being the world's fastest photographer. Peden once recalled.

It was Peden who had to make the decisions on when to let pilots test fly such planes as the F-8U, Phantom and Century Series jets. Seven of the first eight F-102's were lost. Jim was in the pilot's seat of two of them.

In all, Peden crashed four times before "they got the ill-conceived idea that I was too valuable and put the pressure on me to quit test flying," he later laughed. The man who was too humble to admit that his IQ was something over 200, broadened

his research in recent years to include ecology, human engineering, and the design of medical instruments.

He wrote several of the early papers on stereophonic recording and served as an architectural consultant on communications and acoustics for such buildings as Clews Hall. In audio-visual education, he designed the first random access information system for high school use. Working under a government grant, he perfected a system at Oak Park High School near Chicago which has 10,000 hours of audio material and 15,000 video materials which are available in a minute with sound and picture to some 200 classrooms.

Working with Northwestern University, his research in bio-electronics included the use of electronic impulses and muscle potential to drive mechanical motors for artificial limbs, which work through thought pattern.

Concerning his work in human engineering, he said, "No machine can ever come close to the human brain or do what it can do. The human body generates fantastic amounts of power. To build a power plant to substitute

for the brain would require a fantastic power source.

"No previous society has had the technology that we have today. We have gone through an evolution in the last 350 years that the Romans and Greeks went through in about 3,000 years. With such power available at our disposal, the question is, can we control it if it falls into the hands of a small group.

"Will the scientific information be transferred fast enough to stabilize the world, allowing us to continue on where previous societies have failed, or will we not have the intelligence to use what we have instead of following the path of previous societies?" he wondered.

Jim Peden, whose many documents and research papers are on file with the military and a number of universities, died believing that there will be a small colony living in an artificial environment on the moon in less than 10 years. He speculated that some day man will travel to the stars, although the journey to Alfa Centura, the nearest to earth, would require 100 years in a machine large enough to carry several thousand people.

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EDWARD A. PEASE

## Pease Attends Arrow Meeting

2-29-68

Edward A. Pease, son of Robert Pease, RR 32, Terre Haute, will be at Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., this weekend, Dec. 27, 28 and 29 to help plan the 54th Anniversary National Order of the Arrow Conference.

Eddie Pease was elected by Area 7G, of the Order of the Arrow, The National Brotherhood of Honor Campers, to serve on the 40-member Conference Committee for the biennial meeting to be held at Indiana University next August.

The 17-year-old Scout will represent seven Order of the Arrow lodges, including the Kickapoo Lodge 128 of the Wabash Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America.

He has been active in Scouting since 1960 and is now a member of Troop 200, Seelyville, Ind. Eddie is an Eagle Scout, Vigil Honor member in the Order of the Arrow. He attends Gerstmeyer High School and is a senior. Eddie's hobbies and outside activities are varied. They range from music, drama and public speaking to tennis. He is active in the Key Club and in the National Forensics League. His career in law is law.

As a member of the planning committee for the national conference, Pease will help develop the program theme, objectives, and activities for the training conference. The committee elects its own officers, and each member will head up a special section of the conference program and administration.

The Order of the Arrow is an integral part of the camping and activities program of the Wabash Valley Council and helps to improve and promote camping in our nine-county area.

Nationally, the Order of the Arrow numbers over 250,000 members in 500 local lodges in all 50 states. The planning meeting will be attended by Order of the Arrow members from 25 states as far as Hawaii and Massachusetts, Idaho and Florida.

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# Pease interested in Hoosier coal

DEC 14 1981

By SUE LOUGHLIN  
Tribune Staff Writer

Though still recovering from a recent automobile accident, Ed Pease, R-Brazil, is ready to tackle the 1982 session of the General Assembly with the introduction of two bills related to Indiana coal.

Pease's concern with the subject stems from his involvement with the Coal Study Committee, an interim group which has met since last May to study problems related to the use and marketing of Indiana coal. "We're trying to find ways to improve the market for Indiana coal," he said, "thereby creating a shot in the arm for the industry."

His two coal-related bills include 1) a tax-abatement program for those industries and utilities which convert to Indiana coal as their energy source and 2) the formation of a cooperative research group comprising education, private industry and government which would study ways to develop and market upper Midwest coal.

As for the research group, Pease noted he will be concerned more with creating the structure rather than providing for funding during this legislative session. "Obviously the state doesn't have the money right

## Legislative Preview

Today's report on State Sen. Ed Pease is the last in a six-part legislative preview series by TRIBUNE staff writers Sue Loughlin and Rob Shaw. As a part of the series, all area legislators have shared their views on the upcoming 1982 General Assembly session.



*'We're trying to find ways to improve the market for Indiana coal....'*

now," he noted, adding that he will probably seek the support of private industry.

Pease agrees with his fellow legislators that the issue of state finances will be the dominating one during the 1982 session. "My concerns are twofold; first, we must come up with the funds to balance the budget, either through cutting services or finding another source of funds, and, secondly, we must find further funds for education," he said.

Noting that such goals may sound inconsistent, he nevertheless ex-

pressed the belief that there are areas from which such monies could be obtained: most notably, he feels that further cuts could be made in the state's welfare budget.

In explaining his great concern with funding for education, Pease said that last year's school budget — which he referred to as a "patchwork band-aid" — was originally intended to be a one-year stopgap measure; now, however, proposals are being made to "re-affirm" that bill rather than to devise a new, effective measure.

He bases his objections not only on insufficient funding, but also the on the source of funds; while the trend in the past eight years has been to put more emphasis on broadly-based taxes such as sales and income taxes, last year's measure called for property taxes to be used as an additional source of funds, something Pease is strongly against.

Reflecting on his apparent disagreement with current state leadership on that issue, he said that the governor's "wait and see" attitude with regard to the budget and the effects of Reaganomics is understandable. "I'm in an awkward position, really. I understand the governor is in a bind," he said. Noting that the governor's posture was "good in philosophy," he questioned, "But what will we do in the meantime? ... How will we get through in the short run?"

He does agree with Gov. Robert Orr that the entire state budget needs to be carefully reviewed.

Pease represents the 39th Senate District consisting of portions of Vigo, Sullivan, Clay, Putnam, Greene and Owen counties. He is a member of three committees — Elementary and Secondary Education, Commerce, and Judiciary.

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**Jerry Pecher**

**Is Listed in**

**Who's Who**

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**JERRY PECHER**

A Terre Haute motel manager, Jerry Pecher, is listed in the 1974-1975 edition of "Who's Who Among Innkeepers."

Pecher, innkeeper at Holiday Inn here for the past seven years, is with General Motel Corporation, Indianapolis. A native of Pilsen, Czechoslovakia, he attended the Hotel School of Culinary Arts, Tyrnau, and Hotel Administration and earned his B.S. degree in Czechoslovakia, in 1944. He has been in the hotel/motel restaurant business for 33 years.

Pecher is past executive food and beverage supervisor with Albert Pick Hotels, Chicago; food/beverage control Hilton Hotels, Chicago; Palmer House; catering manager Dinkler Hotels, Atlanta; catering manager, Mangamus Chateau Corporation, Chicago, and EES Exchange, Stuttgart, Germany.

His memberships include American Hotel Motel Association, catering executive club and culinary club of America; Innkeepers Society of America; advisory board, U.S. Department of Labor and Rotary International.

Pecher served with the U.S. Army, receiving the good conduct and national defense service medals.

He has two sons, Michael and David. He and his wife, the former Joyce Chandler of Nashville, Tenn., reside at 4951 Dixie Bee Road. Mrs. Pecher is banquet manager at Holiday Inn.

In his leisure time Pecher enjoys golf and auto racing.

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PECK, REV ADRIAN



**TERRE HAUTE MAN**—Father Adrian Peck, pictured here with two natives of Africa, was reared and educated in Terre Haute. After being ordained Father Adrian more than 20 years ago, he asked to be sent to Africa to do missionary work.

## Three Former TH Priests *T.H. Biography* Serve African Mission *T.H. Trib-Star 11/31/71*

By PAT BARNES

Tribune Staff Writer

Three Catholic priests all from Terre Haute are presently assigned to the missionary at Mwinilunga, Zambia.

The priests are Father Adrian Peck, brother of James Louie Peck, 415 Barton Ave., and William (Bill) Peck, 413 S. 8th St.; Father Joel Burget, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Burget, RR. 31, and Father Ralph Murtaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Murtaugh, 1129 N. 6th St.

The mission where the three priests are assigned is located in what was formerly known as northern Rhodesia, a republic occupying about 300,000 square miles in south-central Africa with a population of about 3.7 million persons.

Father Adrian has been assigned as a missionary in Africa for more than 20 years while Father Joel has been there about five years and Father Ralph has served for the past nine years.

Father Adrian in a letter to a local friend said that in the past 20 years he has been faced with every type of situation

imaginable. The father as well as the other two priests are now faced with another type of situation, money to help finance the mission. Father Adrian and the late Msgr. Rupert Hillerich founded the mission some 20 years ago.

The priest said the money situation at the mission is as critical as any he has faced since being assigned to Zambia.

Father Adrian, 56, was born and reared in Terre Haute. He was educated at St. Joseph's School. During his seventh grade of school he decided that he wanted to become a priest. He enrolled at Mt. St. Francis Seminary.

During the summer months of his formal education Father Adrian worked as a copy boy at the Terre Haute Tribune to help defray expenses while attending the seminary.

In 1941 Father Adrian was ordained a Catholic priest at Toledo, Ohio. A few years after being ordained he requested and was granted permission to be assigned as a missionary in Africa. Father Adrian has been assigned in Africa since that time.

Nearly 20 years ago Father Adrian and the late Msgr. Hillerich founded the first Catholic mission in Zambia. To date well over 2,000 people have been baptized and nearly 200 young men have gone through the three-year course at St. Kizito School. Of these young men, 34 have gone onto high school and one has become a priest.

In 1966 Father Adrian returned to Terre Haute for the first time to celebrate his silver jubilee as a priest. The ceremony was held at St. Joseph's Church.

Father Adrian as well as Father Joel and Father Ralph journey mostly by bicycle to distant villages to minister to others desiring to upgrade themselves.

In another letter to a friend Father Adrian writes of the admiration he has for the late Eugene V. Debs (a Terre Haute native and American labor leader who was five times Socialist candidate for President). Father Adrian said that his two fellow priests have read the book on the life of Debs and think highly of him, es-

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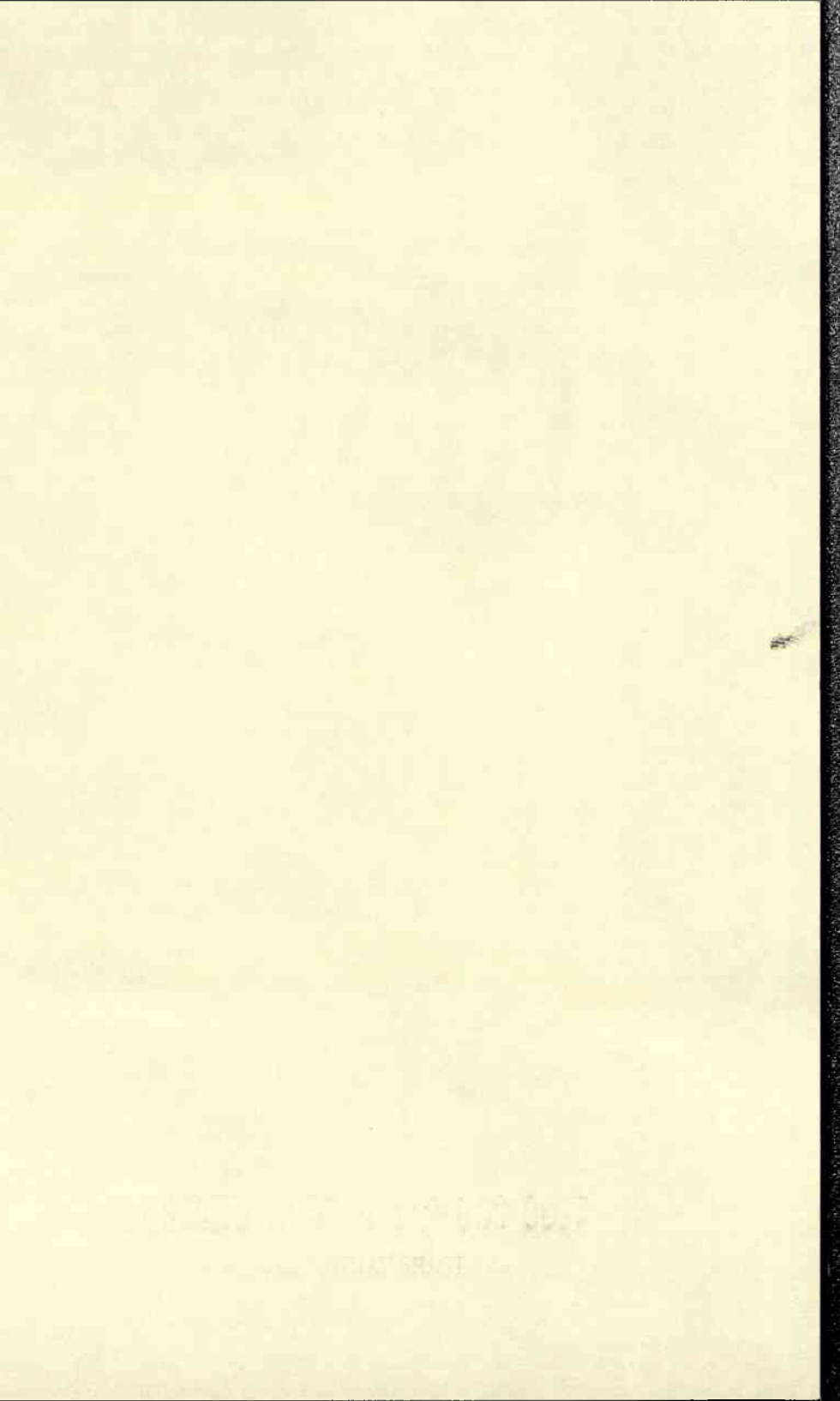
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pecially for the work he did to aid the working man.

Father Adrian said that missionaries on foreign soil, whether of Catholic faith or another faith, serve not only to teach Christianity and academic subject, but they also are called upon to dispense medical treatment and welfare needs to those under his care.

The priest said he is now asking for help and prayers for financial aid to maintain his global mission outpost.

Persons wishing to make contributions to Father Adrian, Father Joel or Father Ralph, may do so by sending their donations to St. Joseph's Parish, 5th and Ohio Sts., in care of Father Leo Knopp.



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AUG 15 1985 introduces you to *Biography*

## CHARLES RUGAN PEDDLE

Born in Philadelphia on October 5, 1820. Charles R. Peddle was raised according to the Quaker ethic. He attended schools in his native town and in Plainfield, Connecticut.

Following his formal education, Peddle served as an apprentice at the Norris Locomotive Works in Philadelphia. Later, as a locomotive engineer on the Philadelphia at Madison, he was suggested to Mr. Chauncey Rose of Terre Haute by Mr. Bough, then President of the railroad and later Governor of Ohio, as an excellent choice to take charge of the Terre Haute and Richmond shops which were then just in development.

In March, 1851, Peddle was commissioned by Chauncey Rose to go to Boston and bring back four locomotives to be used by the Terre Haute and Richmond Railroad. Rose's newest business venture. This task proved to be quite a formidable one for someone with as little experience as the 30-year-old Peddle. Since no continuous railroads existed west of Buffalo at the time, transportation for two of the locomotives was arranged by boat via Lake Erie to Toledo, then via the Miami and Erie Canal to Cincinnati, and then down the Ohio to Madison, Indiana. The other two left Lake Erie via the Wabash and Erie Canal from Ft. Defiance, Ohio to Terre Haute.

Having successfully completed this enormous task, Peddle was retained by Rose with the Terre Haute and Richmond Railroad and continued to work there until his death in 1893. He was initially brought to Terre Haute to take charge of the shops, but was soon promoted until he oversaw nearly all functions in the railroad's operations and earned the title of General Superintendent. His primary interests lay in engineering and design. In fact, Peddle designed and patented an air brake which was installed and in regular use on the Terre Haute and Indianapolis line over a year before Westinghouse secured its first patents.

So well respected was he by his subordinates that, during the great railroad strike of 1877, he ran the first train that left Terre Haute and was utterly unmolested in doing so.

Peddle was also member of the original Board of Managers of Rose Polytechnic (now Rose-Hulman) and continued to serve as such, first as vice-chairman and later as secretary, until his death. Indeed, he helped design and implement the curriculum at the school by what he determined to be standard from his many visits to other leading technical schools across the country.

Charles R. Peddle, another leading citizen and a member of Terre Haute's First family.

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